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cableway, which first saw service in the construction of Boulder Dam, is now on duty at Canyon Ferry Dam (see page 4). The 78-foot head tower has 450 feet of travel and a 223-cubic-yard counterweight block of concrete to prevent it from tipping under its rated load of 25 tons.

Canyon Ferry Dam

The Missouri River won the first round, if the contractor got even. Pix show mereting—and a gold dredge mucking megate. Pages 4, 5.

Fair Labor Act

Contractors, if you have questions about ertime pay, minimum-wage rates, child or, turn to page 17.

Grading in the Granite State

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"Americanized" prestressing speeds erec-tion of a county bridge. Standardized blocks are precast. See page 33.

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Sewage Plant

Bad ground water and a wet spring season were trouble makers. See page 48.

Stabilized County Roads

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It took only 60 days to add 1,000 feet of concrete to a runway so jets could use

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Granular subbase limits pumping, and correct shoulder shaping prevents water trapping, says HRB report, page 71.

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Securing Job Safety

Speakers had some suggestions at the Greater New York Safety Council meeting; job training, regular meetings, and good superintending. See page 74.

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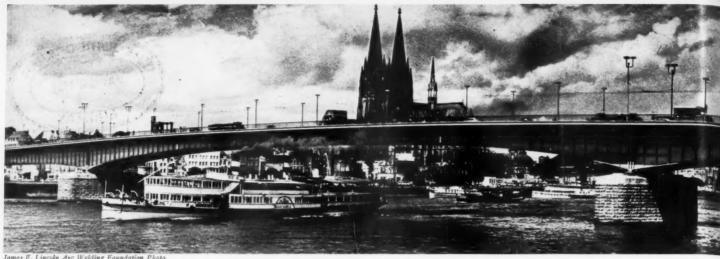
Bituminous Maintenance

Planer melts and smooths off bumps in old pavement before new bituminous-conwearing course laid. Page 99.

• Jacking RC Sewer Pipe

Placement of 3,861 feet of 78-inch sewer pipe called for jacking with hydraulic rams on a storm-water-drainage job. Story

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This bridge across the Bhine in Cologne, Germany, was designed by Dr. Ing. P. Leonhardt. Replacing one destroyed in the last war, it saved 30 per cent in steel over the old bridge and has a greater capacity. The steel box girders are varied in depth to form shallow parabolic curves. Spans are 404, 605, and 407 feet. The roadway is 38 feet; Sidewalks, 10 feet.

of the construction industry-copper, wages, Federal Aid, toll roads

The materials situation was really looking up -until the steel crisis slowed production. Manly Fleischmann, DPA Administrator, was even talking about "something close to normal rates" of commercial construction by the fourth quarter of this year. Nevertheless, all was not rosy even before the crisis. A. Naughton Lane, President of the Producers' Council, had warned that the present output of B-products is too low to support an expanded program of commercial construction. And the copper problem we have always with us, steel crises or no. For copper, instead of structural steel, now threatens to become the Number 1 limiting factor in construction. Who is to blame for the general mess? Government? Strikers? Steel companies? Wage Stabilization Board? Mother Nature? It gets harder and harder these days to pin the blame for things tidily all on one scapegoat.

Speaking of the Wage Stabilization Boarddon't forget it will now approve wage increases for construction workers of as much as 15 cents

an hour over the 10 per cent increase allowed under the old formula. The new policy is effective through next December. But you must get an okay by the Construction Industry Stabilization Commission before making any such wage boosts . . . The Commission has also approved employer contributions of as much as 7½ cents an hour to health and welfare funds. There has been a kick about that, however. See "WSB Welfare Fund" on page 70 of this issue.

A new Federal-Aid highway bill is rollicking around in Congress these days: H. R. 7250. It would authorize \$550 million of Government money a year for roads-\$247.5 million for primary roads, \$165 million for secondary, and \$137.5 million for urban. That makes three bills circulating in all—one for \$400 million, one for \$550 million, and one for \$600 million.

We've been fairly mum the last fow months on toll roads—but it was for lack of space, not lack of news. Here are the highlights, west to east. The take on the Denver-Boulder Turnpike in Colorado

is ahead of expectations . . . A bold plan loosed by Oklahoma Governor Murray would connect with toll roads the principal cities of Kansas Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas . . .

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Ohio hopes to start its toll road in October and get its revenue bonds on sale this month . . Georgia wants to start its Calhoun to Chattanooga toll road this fall . . . West Virginia seeks an early start for its \$96 million toll road between Charleston and Princeton . . . Pennsylvania will extend its turnpike 33.4 miles to the Delaware River to connect with the New Jersey Turnpike. Probable cost, \$33 million . . . The New York Thruway Authority negotiated a \$60 million loan from a syndicate of 21 banks at an interest rate of 1.1, thanks to the state constitutional amendment adopted last fall, placing state credit behind the agency's borrowing. Money already advanced by the state for Thruway construction thus far will be repaid from bond funds . . . New Jersey finds traffic on its new turnpike already topping the volume expected by 1957; widening, more connecting links, and extensions to existing turnpikes are planned. The State Legislature has also created a new authority within the Highway Department to complete the Garden State Parkway, from North Jersey to Cape May, as a toll road.

Did you happen to see the big play "Business Week" gave to sufficiency ratings in its March 15 issue? (See also "News and Views", March, 1952.) It told how Karl Moscowitz of the BPR devised the grading scheme for roads 10 years ago . . . how Arizona took it up . . . how 21 more states followed suit . . . how, by providing a scientific, statistical measure of highway deficiencies, it clears the air . . . how it can help states get their road programs out of the pork barrel . . . and how it is currently helping the BPR prove its steel needs to the NPA.



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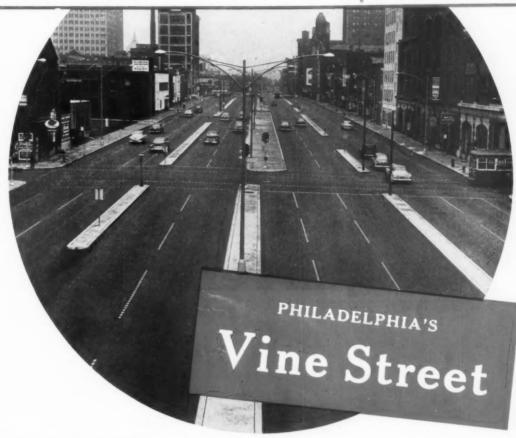
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Canyon Ferry Dam Shapes Up



Construction photo of the year: a Yuba gold dredge loading "Eucs" with aggregate taken from the riverbed directly above the dam.



The all-new aggregate processing and screening layout is mostly Cedarapids, Conveyco, and Robins. It is high on the left dam abutment

Gold Dredge Mucks Gravel For Processing by Modern Crushing-Screening Plant

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• IN mountainous country, close to the headwaters of the mighty Missouri River, Canyon Ferry Dam is steadily taking shape. Canyon Constructors, joint-venture contractor on this Bureau of Reclamation project, was rid of the bad river-diversion problem by November, 1951. From that point the job moved along with better luck. What happened in the early stages makes a man realize what contractors are talking about when they speak of "spreading the risk".

J. C. Maguire of Los Angeles, Calif, sponsor; Griffith Co. of Los Angeles; Brown & Root of Houston, Texas; and Wunderlich Contracting Corp. of Jeferson City, Mo., had the bad luck to lose on a calculated gamble. The first-stage diversion area was wide open in 1950 when the rampaging Big Muddy sliced through the upstream earth cofferdam, beat a hole under the right-abutment diversion flume, undercut the underpinning, and flooded the work area. Valuable time was lost while the damage was repaired and the hole pumped dry.

By late 1951, though, the big concrete dam was rising rapidly, and the first-stage work was out of danger. Bureau of Reclamation officials were hoping that mid-1953 would still see, after all, the completion of the \$30,000,000 project, which was started July 22, 1949. And Canyon Constructors was doing some private schedule searching to find a way to close out the \$11,896,425 contract in the allotted time.

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• THE Bureau of Reclamation believes that some of the finest concrete ever placed is going into Canyon Ferry Dam, on the Missouri River near Helena, Mont. Strengths up to 4,100 psi at 90 days have been reported with the general mass mixes containing 180 pounds of cement and 55 pounds of fly

ash per cubic yard.

The joker, of course, is time. For the lean mixes contain pozzolan, in addition to regular Type II portland cement, and it often takes quite a while beyond the standard 28-day period for pozzolan to show its effect. The pozzolan used on this project is fly ash, a flue-dust waste product from coal-burning power plants in the vicinity of Chicago. But what it does when properly combined with other ingredients has men like Concrete Engineer W. H. Wisniski wearing satisfied expressions on their faces. One of the principal reasons for employing the fly ash on this project is to help combat alkali reaction with a reactive aggregate.

The other ingredients are well graded aggregates, cement, air-entraining agent, and water. Every one is about as important as the fly ash, too, because only the skillful blending of each ingredient has finally eased the tradi-tional battle between the theory boys and the rough, tough guys who have to place the stuff. By using air-entrain-ing agent and pozzolan, with careful control, some mighty harsh mixes are going in with very little kick from the

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Also on the left abutment, about 11/4 miles from the aggregate plant, the Typical of the lean stiff mixes is this batch dumping Johnson batch plant which turns out the several mixes used in the dam. from a cableway Gar-Bro 8-yard bucket.



Aggregate Production At Canyon Ferry Dam

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Aggregate Production Red-Hot

Right now, one of the main items of interest is the production of aggregates for the 420,000 cubic yards of concrete in the dam, powerhouse, and appurtenant structures of the 1,000foot-long, 225-foot-high barrier. Investigations by USBR technicians in 1947 and 1948 led to a scheme of taking these aggregates from the riverbed directly above the dam. The result was one of the oddest construction sights of the year: a gold dredge loading Euclids with raw material direct from its stacker boom!

The aggregate source is known by the general name of "the island de-posit" and consists of stream-graded particles of quartzite, sandstone, granite gneiss, diorite, andesite, and dacite, to name a few of the formations. The deposit is about a mile upstream from the new dam site and just downstream from the original Canyon Ferry Dam, built back in the early 1900's by Mon-

tana Power Co. and now deserted.

These gravel islands had sufficient silt and topsoil to start heavy growths of cottonwood trees and small brush. Some of the cottonwoods were as big as 12 inches in diameter. In the summer of 1949, desultory clearing work was started, but the soggy stuff, more often than not, failed to burn after it was piled. When the first-stage diversion was turned into the heavy timber flume on the right abutment, a lake backed up to flood some of the aggregate area about 6 feet deep. It covered some of this wood and debris, and this has turned out to be quite a problem. Considerable extra labor is now being used to pick off this objectionable material as the raw gravel passes through crushing and screening plants.

The initial stripping of the dam

foundation and construction of some parts of the upstream and downstream cofferdams was done by a Yuba Model gold dredge belonging to Perry & Schroeder Mining Co. of Helena, Mont. (see C. & E. M., Feb., 1950, p. 54). It worked so satisfactorily that arrangements were made for the same machine to recover a large part of the raw aggregate. On December 17, 1949, the dredge, with its gold-recovery apparatus disconnected to make speed, com-



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The initial plan called for methodical stripping of the stockpile area, for actual stockpiling, and for other stripping where necessary. The scheme contemplated the stockpiling of a large U. shaped windrow of raw aggregate ai least 40 feet above the water level, and about 400 feet wide. The ends of the U were to butt into the mainland, thus permitting access by truck to the entire area. Secondary loading of this material could then be done by conventional dragline.

This scheme was followed substantially, but a run of favorable low-water conditions made it possible also for the gold dredge to load the "Eucs' direct. Six 13-yard Euclid end-dumps are assigned to the gold dredge. Six 13-yard "Euc" bottom-dumps haul from a Bucyrus-Erie 54-B dragline, which equipped with a 21/2-yard bucket and 70 feet of boom.

The digging and hauling capacity of these machines is considerably greater (Continued on next page)



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To provide a raw-aggregate supply during periods when the island deposit is inaccessible—during river flood periods and during later stages of the dam construction—a stockpile is being ac-cumulated at a safe elevation. Material is normally hauled onto this stockpile when the processing plant is not in operation and trucks are freed for this purpose.

All-New Aggregate Setup

The modern screening-crushing plant which reduces and sizes the aggregate is virtually all new, and was assembled for the first time on the Canyon Ferry job.

As the Euclids come in to the plant, they dump their loads over a heavy grizzly, with rails set at 12 inches. Since the naturally graded aggregates contain few oversize rocks, most of the material passes through to a 50-yard

material passes through to a 30-yard feeder hopper. A plate feeder then puts the material on a 48-inch x 48-foot Conveyco "pick-ing belt" which travels at a speed slow enough for a man—or two if necessary to remove bits of wood or other debris. The picking belt then discharges over an 8-inch grizzly, which separates as retained material those cobbles which need crushing. Throughs pass by Conveyco conveyors to the main plant, while retained cobbles are routed through a 20 x 36 Cedarapids jaw crusher, about 8 inches open. Throughs from the jaw crusher rejoin the main material supply on the delivery line to the plant.

The sizing units of the plant include a Robins 5 x 12 triple-deck screen, and two Robins 4 x 14 double-deck screens. Mesh on these screens is controlled so that four sizes of aggregate are produced: $\frac{3}{16}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$; $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$; $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{2}$; and 3 to 8 inches. Sand is also produced by passing the wash water containing natural fines to a Conveyco double-screw sand classifier. This machine washes e sand and deposits it on a conveyor belt which leads off to the sand-storage

The natural sand is exceptionally deficient in No. 16 and No. 30 sizes, however, so some blending is necessary to bring these gradations up. This is done by taking a portion of % to %-inch gravel, and routing it through a 5x12 Marcy rodmill, which grinds the material down to the required size. The manufactured sand is then discharged over a double-deck vibrating screen, with %6 and No. 8 mesh on its top and bottom deck, respectively. This screen is in closed circuit with the rodmill. Plus 3/16 material can either be routed back through the rodmill or blended with the 3/16 to 3/4 gravel. It is one of the most valuable controls on

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To recover large cobbles from a gold-dredge tailing area, subcontractor Charles Shannon of Butte used this layout of Pioneer and Western storage bins and a 1s₄-yard Lima dragline on the Canyon Ferry Dam job.

the project—one which has really paid off in convenience and flexibility. Minus No. 8 material is processed and

dewatered in a Conveyco single-screw classifier, and deposited on the blending belt with the natural washed sand.

The entire story of gradation control in the sand can be seen in this typical sampling of material, which was averaged over a long period of many weeks by USBR technicians:

Average Sand Gradings In Per Cent Retained

Screen Size	Pit-Run Un- washed	ral	Manufac- tured Washed	ished	Sper
No. 4	3	3	0	2	0-5
No. 8	16	15	6	14	5-20
No. 16	8	10	27	1.3	10-20
No. 30	8	10	27	1.3	10-30
No. 50	28	36	21	34	15-35
No. 100	25	21	12	19	12-20
Pan	12	5	7	5	3-7
F.M.	2.35	2,56	2,73	2,60	2.60

Material is stockpiled off the end of Conveyco stacker conveyors in large round heaps, centered over a tapping tunnel equipped with control gates. The various sizes of aggregate, when desired, are tapped by these control gates and the rock passes by conveyor to a truck-loading hopper on the left-abutment access roadway. Trucks haul the material from this point to the

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unloading hopper at the mixing plant, about 1½ miles away. The material is then carried to the bins of the Johnson mixing plant by conveyor, and details of its disposition from that point on are given in the companion article dealing with concrete placing at Canyon Ferry Dam.

According to USBR men and contractor's officials alike, some extremely valuable lessons were learned from the first year's operation of the aggregate-producing setup. First, the recovery of raw stream-bed aggregate by gold dredge is successful. Second, everything would have been even better and fewer man-hours of labor would have been involved if the aggregate site had been thoroughly stripped by draglines, scrapers, or other conventional excavating equipment before the area was flooded. An expensive gyratory crusher



L. P. Sowles, Project Manager for Canyon Constructors, talks over management problems with Contractor Jack Maguire, sponsor of the big contract at Canyon Ferry.

and other equipment for manufacturing sand proved to be unnecessary because of the surplus % to %-inch gravel which is available for sand manufacture and which does not need precrushing

As a matter of fact, the shortage of 3 to 8-inch cobbles became so acute that a small subcontract has been let to Charles Shannon Construction Co. of Butte to recover extra material of that

size from a gold-dredge tailings are below the new dam site. Some shortage of 1½ to 3-inch gravel is also becoming apparent. Shannon is using a 1¾-yam Lima dragline to dig the raw material which is then dumped to a Western Iron Works receiving hopper. A reciprocating feeder puts it on a Pioneer inclined conveyor, which in turn deposits it on the vibrating deck of a 3 x 10-foot horizontal screen of 1¾-mesh. The plus 1¾-inch gravel which is retained goes to a pair of 21-yard Pioneer surge bins, and a fleet of dump trucks then hauls the valuable cobbles up to the aggregate plant.

Excess undersize material from this operation is used for fishing, among other things. This is a new technique. The operator of a D8, with a U-type dozer blade, shoves the material out of the way in such a manner that he's always got a fair neck of open water to choke off. When the pond has been choked off, the operator gradually fills it in until all the fish thus trapped are forced to a small area. School stops for a few minutes, and somebody eats trout, bass, carp, or perch that night. The ostensible reason for using the dozer of course, is to make a neat fill, move the waste material away from the plant, and leave the area pleasing to the eye.

First Project Dam in State

Canyon Ferry Dam is the first major unit of the Missouri River Basin Project to be placed under construction by the USBR in Montana. Canyon Ferry Unit consists of the dam, reservoir, and powerhouse. The reservoir will extend upstream from the dam site for about 25 miles to near Townsend, county seat of Broadwater County, Mont.

The unit is a multiple-purpose development, planned for the control of floods, regulation of the flow of the Upper Missouri River, and generation of electric power. Conservation and control of now unused floodwaters in Canyon Ferry Reservoir will permit the irrigation of approximately 310,000 acres of new land and will supplement the supply to 196,000 acres more, all in the Missouri River Basin upstream from Fort Benton. The dam and reservoir are the key to future water-resource development in the upper basin of the great river.

Flood and other unappropriated waters from a drainage area of 15,860 square miles will be stored in the reservoir, which will have a capacity of about 2,050,000 acre-feet. Canyon Ferry is a "natural" for a dam site, and negotiations with the Montana Power Co. for the abandonment of the original dam, now over 50 years old, have produced an immense reservoir for the

amount of concrete involved.

USBR plans for the power plant call for an installed capacity of 50,000 kw, in three identical generating units, for the production of prime and secondary energy averaging from 285,000,000 to 320,000,000 kilowatt-hours annually.

The dam is a concrete gravity structure, with a height of 225 feet from bedrock, or 173.5 feet above the old stream bed. About 355,000 cubic yards of concrete will go into the dam, and about 65,000 cubic yards will be needed for the powerhouse, spillway apron and walls, trash racks, and other such

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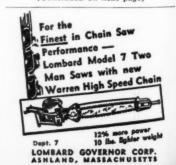
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The county road which structures. formerly crossed a rickety bridge a short distance upstream, and which now passes over a temporary construction passes over a temporary construction bridge immediately downstream from the new dam site, will soon be routed over the top of the new dam.

Last November the river was di-verted through two diversion tubes and

a low monolith while the right-abut-ment work got under way. The 22,000-cfs flume which carried the river more or less successfully was scrapped, and the bedrock at the right abutment exnosed. The initial pressure grouting is finished, and work on the right-abut-ment concrete is going forward rapidly. There is only one disadvantage: it is a longer cableway distance across the valley to this part of the structure.

For Canyon Constructors, L. P. Sowles is Project Manager; Joseph A. Shirley is Acting General Superintendent; A. L. Wooten is Assistant Superintendent; Butler Howell is Carpenter Superintendent; Claude C. Sheppard is Rigging Foreman; Roy Gerths is Master

L. N. McClellan, Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Reclamation, heads the USBR forces. Kenneth F. Vernon is Regional Director of Region 6 at Bill-Regional Director of Region 6 at Billings, Mont., and H. E. Aldrich heads the Upper Missouri District at Great Falls. William P. Price, Jr., is Construction Engineer in the field, assisted by Field Engineer Gordon Manly, Office Engineer Preston M. Schwartz, Chief Inspector Bryon David, and Concrete Engineer W. H. Wisniski.

Conveyor Attachment For Bulk Materials

A bulk-materials attachment for the Brik-Toter, portable masonry-materials conveyor, is announced by Mar-Rail Conveyor Co., 560 York Ave., Pawtucket, R. I. Installed in a matter of minutes, hopper and side guards permit the conveyor to carry sand, gravel, and similar bulk materials. The conveyor can be used for trench excavations or loading trucks.

Further information may be secured from the company. Or use the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 880.

Unusual Surveying Problems

"The Surveyor's Notebook", a collection of short articles on unusual surveying problems and their solutions, has been published by W. & L. E. Gurley, Troy, N. Y. The stories, which originally appeared in engineering journals, relate how unusual field prob-lems were solved by the ingenuity of

the surveyor or engineer.

The first page in "The Surveyor's Notebook" tells how one surveyor belped lay an oil pipeline in record time by using a few tricks of the trade. In another, a county surveyor from Nebraska gives his method for the statement of the surveyor from the survey determining a quarter-section line when it is completely blocked by railroad cars. Another story explains how a Massachusetts survey party used captive pilot balloons to get initial lines between stakes separated by heavy timber, while others outline ways to improve land survey records and the advantages of solar transit.

Among the surveying tips are a remedy for frozen tripods and a method for leveling over corn 10 feet high. Unusual stories in the collection in-clude the problems of surveying in the Arctic; unique transit practices of the Corps of Engineers in obtaining the first accurate survey of the Niagara River bed; use of transits and levels inside in aircraft plant; and how transits neasured movement of a bell tower.
Free copies of "The Surveyor's Note-

book" may be obtained by writing the company. Or use the Request Card at lage 16. Circle No. 928.

Michigan Road Builders'

Association Meets, Elects
At its 24th Annual Meeting held in
Detroit, April 2 and 3, the Michigan
Road Builders' Association elected the
following officers for the coming year: President, Carl Goodwin of Carl Goodwin & Sons, Allegan; Vice President, C. Edward Frisinger of Lewis & Frisinger Co., Ann Arbor; Secretary-Treasurer, E. I. Cross of Gould & Cross, Grand Rapids; Upper Peninsula Vice President, Romeo Lawrence of I. L. Whitehead Co., Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Goodwin succeeds retiring President L. A. Davidson, general contractor of Lansing, who becomes a member of the Board of Advisory Directors.

At the Annual Banquet held in the

Statler Hotel, Charles M. Ziegler, Commissioner of the Michigan State Highway Department, delivered an address to the members.

Dewey & Almy Executives

As a result of recent elections at Dewey & Almy Chemical Co., Cambridge, Mass., T. T. Miller is Vice President-Marketing, and George W. Blackwood is Vice President-General Sales Manager. Mr. Miller had been Vice President-Sales for several years prior to his present appointment. Mr. Blackwood, who has been General Sales Manager for two years, will be responsible for sales in the company's adhesives and coatings, and construction specialties, among other items.

Hard-Surfacing Materials

A catalog entitled "What Hard-Surfacing Can Do for You" is available from Rankin Mfg. Co., 3072 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 6, Calif. A section giving general information on Ranite hard-surfacing materials indicates the savings to be effected by the use of hard-surfacing over the cost of machinery parts replacement. The catalog also covers recommended application procedures, rod selection, amperages, speed, heat control, and proper rod grip. It tabulates sizes, characteristics, quality, and the Rockwell hardness of the complete Ranite line.

This literature may be obtained from the company, or by using the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 955.



Flood control levee gets a lift from "Caterpillar" power



Building a 13-mile section of flood control levee in the Florida Everglades, Hooper Construction Company of Coral Gables relies heavily on "Caterpillar" equipment. A D17000 Engine powers the Link-Belt Speeder 21/2-yard Dragline. A D8 Tractor with No. 8S 'Dozer works with the dragline. And two D13000 Engines with two Gardner-Denver 500-foot compressors on tracks, pulled by a D6 Tractor, provide the blast hole power for shooting coral rock. In all, Hooper's "Caterpillar" lineup includes 12 tractors, 5 motor graders and several engines.

On this project, holes are drilled 14 feet deep and shot 72 at a time, each shot loosening about 30 cu. yds. of coral. 260,000 cu. yds. are excavated a month. The resulting canal is 75 feet wide and 14 feet deep.

Like Hooper, many other contractors have found that it pays to standardize on "Caterpillar" units. They are engineered for steady performance with a minimum of down-time. As sturdy as they are, they'll do even more work at lower cost if given good care. You don't have to coddle them - proper maintenance takes only a few minutes a day. And remember, your nearby "Caterpillar" Dealer has the facilities for specialized service - any time you need it, call on him!

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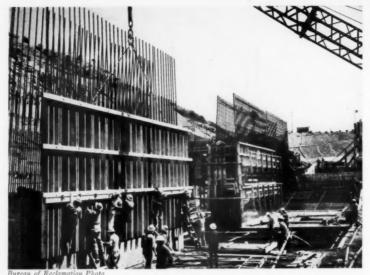
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placing crews.

Not all the mixes are as lean as the 180-pound-cement and 55-pound-flyash mixture. These others are re served for the interior of the dam, and are called C mixes. The variety of are called C mixes. The variety of mixes is such that they grade all the way up to AA, to be used on exteriors extra severely weathered.

But in every case the mixes containing the largest possible size of aggregates are used. They result, Bureau men believe, in maximum durability, least volume change, less heat generation, and greater economy. The largersized maximum aggregate mixes contain appreciably less water, cement, sand, and fly ash. Naturally, that's For the most economical and satisfactory concrete in any category. these items must be kept to a minimum consistent with good workmanship.



Heavy panels to hold the concrete are lifted into place and anchored

Hammering Down H-PILES for New-Design **Canadian Bridge**

A new bridge across the Stave River in British Columbia is the first of its type in the world. This steel-truss structure is carried on piers and abutments of steel H-pile and Prepaktconcrete design, which results in less construction time and lower costs than by conventional methods. Naturally, the contractor selected a McKiernan-Terry Double-Acting 9-B-type hammer to drive the vital H-piles.

Samples taken below the river bottom indicated that pile driving conditions were not ideal. Piles had to be hammered to refusal in silt and varying layers of coarse and fine sand. The McKiernan-Terry hammer, however, quickly drove 75-ft batter piles to desired penetration-with the piles projecting up into the Prepakt-concrete.

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Northern Construction Comp & J. W. Stewart Limited was the contractor.

Materials Meet at Batcher

All concrete materials meet at a big Johnson batching plant set high on the left abutment. Sand and four sizes gravel come from the screening and crushing plant described in the companion article. Pozzolan, or fly ash comes from Combustion By-Products Co. of Chicago. Bureau men are trying now to get shipments of this material for one dam all furnished from the same source, because it makes for more convenient control, in their opinion

The fly ash comes in to the railroad siding at Louisville, Mont., about 94 miles from the dam, in hopper-bottom cars. It is much trickier to handle than cement. It's hard to get started flow. ing, and hell to stop once it starts because it wants to run like water. The dust problem is also more severe There are two storage silos for this material at Louisville, holding 405 and 137 tons respectively. The two fly ash silos at the batch plant hold 557 17.4 tons. Trucks hauling the material to the dam can average about

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The cement is Type II and is shipped in bulk from Ideal Cement Co.'s plant at Trident, Mont., about 64 miles from Louisville. It is unloaded from hopperbottom cars by gravity to a track hopper, sent by screw to a bucket elevator, and stored for trans-shipment in two The larger Louisville silo holds 3,095 barrels, while the other smaller Johnson silo takes 600 barrels. International trucks equipped with metal covers and doors load by gravity from the large silo. They deliver the material to 2,507 and 220-barrel silos at the plant.

The air-entraining agent is Protex, and mixing water comes from the Missouri River.

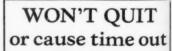
So far as the mixing plant is con-cerned, it is the same Johnson fully automatic plant which was used in the construction of the Bureau's Angosture Dam near Hot Springs, S. Dak. Its concrete capacity has been increased by adding another 2-yard Koehring tilting-bowl mixer, making 4 in all The plant includes, in addition to the mixers, an electrically controlled airoperated batching system, an auto matic autographic recording system with 14 movable pens, and a selector system whereby any one of 12 various mixes can be batched merely by flicking the selector position. Concrete-ingrediweights are transmitted to the dials by scale beams, except for air-entraining agent, pozzolan, and water,

which are sent by wires.

The plant has 5 levels. The top floor has an arrangement for the final creening of gravel. This is usual USBR custom: because of breakage and inadvertent mixing, sized aggregate is always re-sized finally as it enters the batch plant.

On the floor directly below the screens are storage bins for the various sizes of material: aggregates, cement,

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A technician adjusts a pen of the auto-graphic recording system in Canyon Constructors' Johnson concrete plant.

olan. The third level includes the weighing apparatus and the control room. On the next floor the mixers are mounted; they discharge into a receiving or wet hopper. Concrete from this hopper is discharged into 8-yard Gar-Bro concrete buckets through a pneumatically operated gate. The 8-yard buckets are carried to the cableway pickup point on a specially designed car drawn by a Plymouth

So accurate is the batching that cement, pozzolan, and water are "finalled" in manually after the automatic weighing mechanism slaps in a close approxi-mation. Aggregates are normally weighed entirely automatically.

Boulder Cableway

Concrete is carried to its point of placement at Canyon Ferry Dam by a cableway which first saw service in the construction of the Bureau of Reclamation's Boulder Dam. It is composed of a 78-foot head tower with 450 feet of travel, a pivot anchored in solid rock on the far side of the canyon, and its operating cables. The pivot end has a knuckle joint from one of the old Shasta Dam head-tower connections. There are 223 cubic yards of concrete in the counterweight block of the head tower to prevent it from tipping under its rated load of 25

The main gut across the 1,384-foot gorge is a Leschen 6 x 67 cable, with a wire-rope center. Load lines are \%mch 6×19 regular-lay. The endless or conveying line is a $1\frac{1}{8}$ -inch 6×30 Type G patented flattened-strand cable. The cableway can reach every part of the dam with the possible exception of a small part of one corner of the powerhouse, one corner of block No. 10, and the spillway apron. This concrete can be reached by crane.

The 8-yard Gar-Bro buckets carry ing the concrete are dumped by an air

an air-water blast from a jet pipe left this concrete surface in condition to receive the next lift. That's a cooling lips above. Embedded in the concrete er on, it will carry circulating cool-water to dissipate the heat of ce-ment hydration.

The 5-foot dam lifts are usually placed in three courses, stairstepping each as close as possible until the forms are filled. Pneumatic vi-brators were replaced by Chicago Pneumatic 5190 electrics, which were more powerful, quieter, and met the 7,000-impulse USBR requirement with room to spare.

The routine lift forms are Blaw-Knox cantilevered steel sections. coming partly from Angostura and partly from Bull Shoals Dam in These are raised by small Arkansas. winches and A-frames, and anchored by heavy 11/4-inch steel bolts to Richmond screw ties embedded in the previous concrete lift. Hairpins and tiedown rods are often used, especially

All odd forming aside from conven-tional lifts is done by wood panels. anchored and tied by heavy form bolts. Many of the walls are so high and inaccessible that almost every wooden form has to be engineered and calculated for strength. Often the wales are



This Chicago Pneumatic electric vibrator was the type which world fully on the heavy concrete at Canyon Ferry Dam.

Wood forms are usually faced with ply-wood. A carpenter yard beyond the

x 8, with heavy studs on close centers. administrative area below the dam contains all the power equipment neces-(Continued on next page)



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sary to fabricate the panels. The cableway is often used to erect these heavy forms. The toughest ones to build, and check, were the draft-tube forms, which had to fit to extremely close tolerance.

Placed concrete is cured by water. Aside from a system of cooling pipes embedded in the mass, along with specifications which prohibit placing temperatures over 80 degrees, no special cooling requirements are observed.

Cold-Weather Problems

In the 1950 working season, trying desperately to carry some of the concrete activity over through the early winter months, Canyon Constructors ran into a heating problem. Outside temperatures dropped to subzero. A boilerhouse with four Lucey steam boilers totaling 630 horsepower generated steam which was sent through lines to the job. The upstream and downstream faces of the dam were covered by canvas tarpaulins, and so were some of the contraction joints. Live steam went under the canvas to prevent the concrete surface from freezing. Steam was also used to keep the dewatering pumps operative, and to heat mixing water and aggregates.

Many Mixes

The many mixes used on the project include four general types: AA, A, B, and C. For each mix, with the exception of those in the AA category and the ¾-inch-maximum aggregates and grout, a special extra-workable mix is provided. The extra-workability mixes have a higher sand, water, cement, and fly-ash content than the normal mix. A ½-inch increase in slump is also allowed. They are inferior to normal mixes, however, and are used only for special circumstances.

whole intent of the extraworkability mixes is to make maximum use of the mixes with larger-sized aggregate. For example, in a restricted location where it is not practicable to use 8-inch-maximum aggregate in a normal mix because of limited workability, and where formerly a 3-inch-maximum-aggregate would be used, the job could be satisfactorily bulled through by using the 8-inch extra-workability mix. Even though the extra-workability mix 'inferior to the normal mix, it is still superior to and more economical than, 3-inch-maximum-aggregate the

The AA-type mixes are extra rich (w/c + P of 0.45 ± 0.02) and are designed for areas subject to especially severe weathering. The climate in this part of the country is rather severe, and structures require special protection against freezing and thawing action. Structures or portions of structures included in this classification would be as follows:

 Spillway and spillway apron, outer 5 feet, elevation 3,635 to elevation 3,655; or the area within the fluctuating water lines and subject to wave action.

2. Training and retaining walls, elevation 3,635 to 3,660.

3. Left retaining-wall parapet.
4. Exterior exposed portions of powerhouse from elevation 3,635 to

3,655.5. Powerhouse parapet walls.6. Spillway bridge piers.

7. Roadway, bridge, and parapet walls at top of dam. 8. Trash-rack columns and beams.

 Trash-rack columns and beams.
 Outer 5 feet of right and left training walls above elevation 3,660 on dam proper.

In general, the AA mixes are mixed with as low a slump as possible, with at least the maximum amount of en-



Bureau of Reclamation Photo

Live steam circulates under this canvas cover to protect dam concrete during coldweather pours. The boiler house is on the hill in the background.

trained air. It is difficult to entrain air in the rich mixes when they have a low slump, so the maximum prescribed air content is not apt to be exceeded.

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air content is not apt to be exceeded. The A mixes are designed for general exterior construction and for all exterior areas other than the severely weathered portions requiring AA concrete. Included in the A category are the outer 5 feet of the spillway and apron from elevation 3,600 to 3,635 and from 3,655 to the top; intermediate training wall and right and left retaining walls from elevation 3,600 to 3,635; the right and left training walls about elevation 3,600, except the outer 5-foot portion; the powerhouse exterior exposed walls above elevation 3,655; and the upstream face of the dam above elevation 3,765 and portions below that level where extra strength is advisable.

The B mixes are designed for general interior unexposed construction except for the general, lean, mass, interior or C concrete. There are no C mixes for anything but 8-inch-maxi-

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fueled with Texaco, at work on the Morganza embankment, part of the flood control program on the lower Mississippi. Joint contractors are Edward E. Morgan Co., Inc., and Jones & Gillis, Inc. Dirt-moving operations, started in June, 1949, call for placing 3,985,000 cubic yards of semicompacted embankment. Equipment includes 4 draglines, 9 tractors and 53 trucks — all of which are lubricated with Texaco exclusively.

tion machinery was idled for days at a time. This made it vital that, when work could be resumed, there be no delays due to equipment failure.

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mum aggregate, so all interior mixes of 3-inch-maximum or smaller aggre-gate come under the B classification. B concrete of 8-inch-maximum aggre-gate is also used on the outer 5 feet of the upstream face of the dam permanently under water or below elevation 3,765

A tabulation of cement, fly ash, water, and sand weights for several of the mixes is given on this page.

A fully equipped laboratory is maintained in the field. Routine tests include sieve analyses, slump tests, airentrainment analyses, sump tests, air-entrainment analyses, and compressive-strength tests. The lab has a curing room for test cylinders, and a cylin-der-breaking machine. The more com-plicated tests such as alkali reaction, rock soundness, and so on are usually sent to the Bureau laboratory in federal Center, Denver, Colo. In spite of the lean mixes, and in

spite of the large sizes of aggregate used, exterior surfaces are stripping out beautifully with a minimum of bug holes or other defects. The interior Canyon Ferry Concrete Mixes

Lab.	Max.		C	Contents per cu. yd. (lbs.)				
Mix No.	Agg.	W/C+P	Cement	Fly Ash	Cemt. F.A.	Water	% Sand	Max. Slump
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Note: There are no C mixes for any concrete other than 8'' max. agg. All 3'' or smaller max. agg. interior mixes will come under the B category.

of the mass is just as pretty, because the big Gar-Bro buckets dump with minimum of segregation. What there is, is handled by the concrete gang, as men spread the few large segregated

cobbles around.

Canyon Ferry Dam is a good example of nominal concrete control which results in better placing speed now for the contractors handling the material, and which is expected to pay off in longer-lived masonry and less maintenance in years to come.

Virginia Highway Department Makes Personnel Changes

John J. Forrer has resigned as Assistant Chief Engineer of the Virginia Department of Highways, to become Executive Director of the Virginia Asphalt Association, Inc., a new organization with headquarters in the Hotel John Marshall, Richmond. Mr. Forrer, who had been Assistant Chief Engi-neer since last October, joined the Virginia Department of Highways in 1917. His wide knowledge of bituminous materials and their use in stabilizing local soil, sand, and gravel brought him national and international repute.

As a result of Mr. Forrer's resignation, the Department announces the following promotions: Lewis E. Akers, former Secondary Roads Engineer, succeeds Mr. Forrer as one of the Depart-ment's two Assistant Chief Engineers; Samuel D. Crute, Staunton District Engineer, becomes Secondary Roads Engineer; Gilbert D. Grey, Tazewell Resident Engineer, takes Mr. Crute's place as Staunton District Engineer; and William F. Robinson, Assistant Resident Engineer at Norfolk, becomes Resident Engineer at Tazewell.

Mr. Akers, who has been with the Department since 1922, has long experi-ence of road problems, one of his former jobs being to administer the 39,000-mile Virginia secondary-roads system adopted in 1943. In his new role he will serve with Burton Marye, Jr., the other Assistant Chief Engineer. They will share joint supervision over the ten major offices of the Engineering Division.. Mr. Akers will take maintenance, secondary roads, equipment, tests, cost analysis, and the clearance of researchproject requests; Mr. Marye takes care of location and design, construction, bridges, urban work, landscape, and the engineering part of Revenue Bond Act projects.

Mr. Crute has been with the Department for over 29 years; and Mr. Grey and Mr. Robinson have each some 20 years in the Department to their credit.

Euclid Advances Three

Three personnel promotions have taken place in the Sales and Service Departments of The Euclid Road Ma-chinery Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

John E. Ehlert, formerly Service & Parts Manager, is Assistant Domestic Sales Manager; G. M. Perry, who has been working recently in the Sales Development Department, succeeds Mr. Ehlert as Service Manager; and George W. Cunnan is District Manager for the northeast territory, which includes Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

Info on Electric Plants

A 4-page catalog on electric plants has been prepared by Winpower Mfg. Co., Newton, Iowa. The G-line it describes is available in 300, 600, and 1,000-watt capacities with Briggs & Stratton engines, and in 1,500, 3,000, and 10,000-watt sizes powered by Wisconsin engines. The catalog contains illustrations and complete specifications on ac and dc models.

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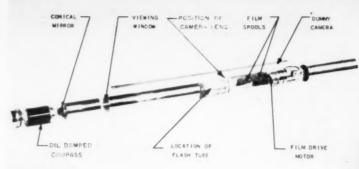
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New Bore-Hole Camera For Bedrock Surveys

A camera which takes 360-degree photos of a 3-inch-diameter bore hole has been developed by Engineering Re-search Associates, Inc., 1902 W. Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul 4, Minn., under the supervision of the Corps of Engineers. It is lowered into the hole to discover flaws in bedrock or cracks in concrete.

A conical mirror produces an image of a complete band of the hole, which is photographed on 16-mm motion-picture film. The two-dimensional image pictures are brought back into three-dimensional cylindrical form by reversing the process in the projector. A complete pictorial record of the bedrock



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Power for activating the camera and illuminating the hole comes from a gasoline-driven generator set and is supplied through three insulated conductors spun in a reverse-lag nonspinning-type steel cable. The camer housing is sealed to withstand a hydro-static head of 500 feet, making it possible to photograph both wet and dry holes.

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The camera is still in the experi-mental stage, but further information may be secured from the company or by using the Request Card at page 16 Circle No. 948

Engine Improvements

All three models of the Continental AU series of industrial air-cooled engines are now available with a new external breaker point, condenser, and governor system. In the new units, breaker points and a flyball-type gov. ernor driven by the camshaft are grouped compactly, with the condenser. under a cover that can be removed quickly. The assembly is housed high on the engine, remote from the blower which is normally an area of dust.

Point and spark-plug life are said to be doubled because the assembly operates at half engine speed. Instead of wasting every other spark, as in the flywheel-type magneto used in many air-cooled engines, the points and the plug function only on the firing stroke, and hence wear on both is reduced by

50 per cent, the company claims. Further information may be secured from Continental Motors Corp., Air-Cooled Engine Division, 12800 Kercheval Ave., Detroit 14, Mich. Or use the Request Card at page 16. Circle No.

New Copying Machine

Production of a new Copyflex ma-chine is announced by Charles Bruning Co., Inc., 125 North St., Teterboro, N.J. The Model 30 has a full 46-inch printing width to handle standard 42-inch roll stock or multiple cut sheets of copying paper. Its 48-inch 2,000-watt Vycor mercury arc lamp insures uni-form exposure and speeds printing up to a maximum of 12 linear feet per

minute, the company claims.

The unit is connected to a 230-volt 60-cycle ac electronic power line; 50cycle machines are also available. It does not need any inks, negatives, masters, special lighting, dark rooms plumbing, or exhausts to carry of fumes. Copies may be made on Copyflex sensitized paper, acetate-coated paper, film, and cloth. The operator merely feeds in the paper with the translucent original; the machine processes the copies and stacks them ready

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Concrete-Design Handbook

Answering a long-felt need for a comprehensive handbook on reinforcedconcrete design, the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute has published the 412-page "CRSI Design Handbook".

Of interest to both estimators and structural engineers, it contains basic theories, diagrams, and charts for approximate or complete designs. For quick computations, tables are included which make it possible to select struc-tural members directly with given load and span data.

Designs are based almost entirely upon the 1951 ACI Reinforced Con-crete Building Code. They cover floor systems, columns, footings, retaining walls, and areaways. A separate section contains miscellaneous tables, diagrams, and formulas.

"CRSI Design Handbook" is priced at \$5.00 and may be purchased from the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Insti-tute, 38 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 3, Ill.

Literature on Crushers

Literature on hammermills and roll crushers is available from Diamond Iron Works, Inc., 18th Ave. and N. Second St., Minneapolis 11, Minn. The hammermills feature continuous impact, long corrugated anvils, self-cleaning gates, and adjustable hammer arms. The roll crusher, which is generally used as a secondary crusher, will make reductions up to 4 to 1. The rolls are each driven directly through steel sprockets bolted to the roll head.

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Diesel-Engine Brochure

A 6-page brochure on diesel engines is announced by the P&H Diesel Engine Division of Harnischfeger Corp., 500 S. Main, Crystal Lake, Ill. It contains illustrations and information on four two-cycle models of 2, 3, 4 and 6 cylinders. Diagrams show torque, horse-power, and fuel consumption for each. The brochure also lists specifications and optional equipment.

This literature may be obtained from the company, or by using the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 942.

Self-Propelled Curb Paver

A self-powered unit for paving curbs, gutters, and sidewalks is covered in a new booklet issued by Dotmar Industries, Inc., 503 Hanselman Bldg., Kalamazoo, Mich. It illustrates the Dot-mar paver in use, and describes the screed types available.

The unit is powered by a 3.3-hp gasoline engine, and rides on wood rails attached to standard steel forms. It has a rapid eccentric tamping and strikeoff action in front of the screed and finishing trowel. The company claims the unit will lay up to 10 linear feet ner minute.

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An Editorial

Taxing the Dump Truck

Taxing and finance departments of many states are concerned about levying sufficient taxes on big trucks to offset the damage which, they feel, has been done to the highways by these heavy vehicles. Over-the-road carriers are generally considered the prime culprit in this regard, and the trucking industry is not paying these taxes without a struggle. Yet a certain inequality in truck taxing affects highway contractors, who have, for the most part, accepted it with little or no protest.

Take the case of the typical contractor who gets a road contract in the winter and does the grading in the spring, the paving in the summer, and shoulder and slope work in the fall to complete the job in one construction season. This average contractor, with a fleet of his own trucks, usually operates most of them less than half the year, unless he is located in that narrow border along a few of the southern states where year-round work is at times possible.

Even though his trucks are on the road only from four to six months, this contractor pays motor-vehicle taxes for the full year. States generally have half-year rates with July 1 the demarcation date, but this does not help a contractor who needs his trucks for dirtmoving in May and June. A breakdown of license fees into quarter-year fractions, as the trucks are actually used,

would help to equalize the tax overhead carried by contractors.

Many states, too, in their imposition of weight fees are taxing the big trucks off the highways as they discriminate in favor of the light truck. Thus they are cutting off revenue at the very source. The light trucks, for instance, in a state where an 18,000-pound single-axle load is permitted, can generally carry a pay load of 14,000 pounds. On the other hand the big truck, that is restricted to a 13,000-pound load on each of its properly spaced dual axles, may be carrying a pay load under 14,000 pounds, or less than that carried by the light truck.

Moreover with the graduated scale of weight-tax, the fee for the light truck, when figured at \$1.25 for each 100 pounds, is more favorable than the \$2.00 for each 100 pounds that the heavy truck is taxed. Contractors who buy fleets of heavy trucks, to do a job economically and quickly at the lowest possible price for a state highway department, find themselves at a disad-

vantage costwise. Some are getting rid of their big trucks and are hiring light trucks, only as they need them, to avoid financial headaches. If the taxing authorities become aware of loss of revenue to the state from present policies, the highway contractor may get a break with his trucking problem.

A good example of this situation is afforded by L. A. Davidson of Lansing. Mich., a general contractor who does considerable road-construction and grade-separation work throughout Michigan. Davidson has a fleet of over 40 trucks—Macks, Diamond Ts, and Federals—whose weight puts them in the "heavy" category. In the "light" truck group he has Fords, Chevrolets, and Studebakers. A comparison discloses some interesting inequalities.

The Ford single-axle dump truck costs about \$3,000, weighs 6,750 pounds, and, at the current rate of \$1.25 per 100 pounds, its license fee is \$84.38 annually. With the truck weight distributed, the rear axle takes less than 4,000 pounds dead load, permitting a 14,000-pound pay load. This conforms to the 18,000-pound limit on single-axle vehicles.

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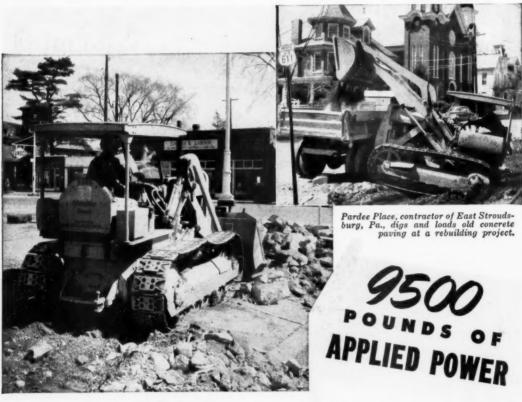
Now let us examine one of the heavy trucks, say the dual-axle Diamond T, that costs about \$12,000. With a 12-cubic-yard dump body its weight is 18,720 pounds, and at the tax rate of \$2.00 per 100 pounds, the license fee per year for this truck is \$374.40. Its weight is so distributed that the dual rear axles take a 12,100-pound dead truck weight. With a 26,000-pound limit on dual axles, this heavy truck may carry only a 13,900-pound pay load. Thus the heavy truck that costs four times as much as the light truck, and is taxed in license fees nearly 4½ times as much, actually carries a lesser pay load. And pay loads may mean the difference between profit and loss on a construction job.

Putting it another way, a contractor can purchase and license four light trucks for what it would cost to purchase and license one heavy truck. And with these four light trucks he can hau over four times the pay load he could with one heavy truck. Of course the contractor must use four truck drivers instead of one, which is all right with the teamster's union but not so good in trying to keep down the cost of road building.

Contractors' heavy trucks are designed and built to carry about 40,000 pounds which they handle very well in off-the-road hauling. But when they operate over the highways, the weight that goes into their sturdy construction is a handicap, according to most state license-fee schedules. It is time for state finance departments to examine these inequalities in truck-license fees, and to stop discriminating against the contractor who wants to make the best possible use of his heavy-truck investment.

The States and the Scrap

An average of about 675 tons of ferrous scrap per state (33 states reporting) kept the February scrap-recovery figures up to the level of January, reports the Scrap Recovery Subcommittee of the AASHO. Texas came first with 4,000 tons; Alabama second with 1,610 tons; Florida third with 1,247 tons. Keep the scrap coming in!



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How to Keep Within The Fair Labor Act

What You Should Know Where Overtime-Pay, Minimum-Wage, And Child-Labor Provisions Are Concerned

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By FRANK J. MUENCH, Regional Director, Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor

• DURING the construction of the New Jersey Turnpike, investigators from the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division found that 117 of the contractors' employees had not been naid overtime-or had worked for less than the Federal minimum wage of 75 cents an hour. Seven contracting firms were involved. When the violations were brought to their attention all agreed to settle the claims. They paid \$16,958 to the 117 employees.

What happened on the Turnpike was not unusual, however. According to the 1951 annual report of Labor's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, 61 per cent of all construction investigated during fiscal 1951 had violated the Act's minimum-wage, overtime-pay, or child-labor

Whom Does It Cover?

Most of the Turnpike contractors said they did not know their operations were covered under the Fair Labor Standards Act-commonly known as

the Federal Wage and Hour Law.
This Act covers employees engaged in interstate commerce or in producing goods for interstate commerce. All such employees must be paid not less than 75 cents an hour. They must also receive not less than time and one-half their regular rates of pay for any hours over 40 that they work in any one work week (unless they are exempted from one or both of these requirements by a specific provision of the Act).

A General Yardstick

Here is a general yardstick for deter-mining contractor obligations under the law. (In borderline cases, however, engineers and contractors should check their specific jobs with the nearest Wage and Hour Office. Expert aid is there for the asking. It will save headaches and lawsuits—and build better labor relations.)

First of all, contractors must realize that the wage and hour provisions of the Act do not deal in a blanket way with construction or with any industry as a whole. The minimum-wage section of the law, for example, says that every employer shall pay the statutory minimum wage to "each of his em-ployees who is engaged in commerce or the production of goods for com-merce". Hence it is an individual matter, involving both the nature of the project and the nature of the job a particular employee has on that project. Some contractors go an entire season without having any of their employees covered under the Wage and Hour Act. Other firms have some employees covered by the Act and others empt. Still other operators have all of their employees under the Act on all heir jobs.

Sometimes only part of an employee's etivities during a particular work week re covered under the Act. He is nevertheless covered for all hours worked during that week. The Act makes no stinction as to percentage or volume activities for either the employee the employer.

Neither is the Wage and Hour Law ited to employees working for an between any state and any place outside thereof'

A practical question to ask about any

project is: Without this project would interstate or foreign commerce be im-(Continued on next page)



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How to Keep Within The Fair Labor Act

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peded, impaired, or abated? Another question to ask is: Does the service you are rendering contribute materially to transactions in interstate or foreign commerce?

Contracting jobs always covered by the Act are those which involve work on the maintenance, repair, improvement, or extension of existing media of interstate commerce. Typical illustrations include railroads, highways, city streets, pipelines, telephone and telegraph lines, electrical transmission lines, radio facilities, rivers, streams, or other waterways over which interstate or foreign commerce moves more or less regularly.

Similarly, work done to improve, repair, or maintain airports; railroad, bus, truck, or steamship terminals; telephone exchanges; radio and television stations; post offices and express offices: bridges and ferries carrying traffic engaged in interstate and foreign commerce, even though within a single state—all work of this kind is under the minimum-wage and overtime provisions of the Act. Also covered is work done on harbors, piers, wharves, and docks, as well as on dams, dikes, revetments, and levees which improve the usefulness of interstate waterways, railways, or highways.

In all these instances the work of employees is so closely related to interstate or foreign commerce as to be, in practice, a part of it. Included among the employees thus "engaged in Commerce" are those doing maintenance-of-way work, office workers, guards and watchmen, and those engaged in maintaining or altering or repairing ships, barges, dredges, trucks, or trailers used as media of interstate commerce.

Courts have held employees covered when they perform such work as watching or guarding ships or vehicles, or maintaining, watching or guarding warehouses, railroad or equipment yards, airports, or other transportation terminals.

Also covered by the Act are employees engaged in building structures which are necessary for the production of goods for interstate commerce—for example, oil derricks. Employees engaged in making oil derricks are engaged in closely related occupations directly essential to the production of goods for interstate commerce.

Another case is that of employees who are installing machinery either for the production of goods of commerce or in accordance with an interstate contract of sale. These employees are covered by the Act not only where such installation will improve or enlarge the production facilities of an existing plant, but also where it is going into an entirely new plant.

Other contractor employees within the coverage of the Act are those engaged in maintaining, repairing, or reconstructing buildings or machinery used in the production of goods for

interstate commerce. These are considered to be engaged in a closely related process or occupation directly essential to the production of such goods. The operations covered by this principle include, for example, repairing, remodeling, and enlarging factory buildings, replacing one type of acid-disposal trench with another, or painting and maintaining factory buildings.

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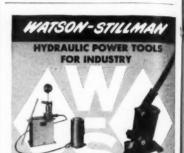
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Work not so immediately related to the operation of commerce is not covered under the Act. For example, in the case of McLeod v. Threlkeld, the (Continued on next page)



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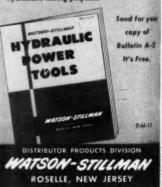


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Inited States Supreme Court held that a cook was not covered under the Act, though his job was to prepare meals for workmen who were mending tracks for interstate trains.

Not covered are employees doing excavating, concreting, and paving work on private estates or for private homes, schools, retail stores, or churches. Nor does the Act cover employees working on new and independent buildings or structures which are not part of the production of goods for commerce and will not become an integral part of any pre-existing facilities for the production of goods for commerce.

Exceptions to "No Cover" Rule

Contractors working on such projects should remember, however, that in any week in which one of their employees is engaged in both covered and non-covered work, he is entitled to the benefits of the Act for all hours worked during that work week.

Also, employees on these jobs (including office personnel) are covered if they are ordering or procuring materials or equipment from other states; receiving, unloading, checking, watching, or guarding such articles coming from outside the state; doing interstate communication work (by tele-phone, telegraph, mail, etc); or preparing, handling, or otherwise working on materials, equipment, or other goods which will be sent to another state (including preparing plans, orders, estimates, accounts, reports, and other data intended for transmission from within the state to points outside it).

Who Qualifies for Exemption?

The Wage and Hour Law specifically exempts employees working in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity or in the capacity of outside salesmen. Contractors must be certain, however, that any employees they seek to qualify for exemption meet the requirements of Regulations, Part 541. These regulations are explained in the Wage and Hour Explanatory Bulletin that covers exemptions.

Of interest to some contracting and engineering firms is the exemption from the overtime provisions which applies to certain employees of motor carriers who are subject to regulation by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The exemption, however, applies only to the overtime provision.

Child Labor

Every contractor must remember that the 1949 amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act broadened the child-labor provisions to include jobs n interstate commerce. Children under 16 may not be employed on any covered contracting jobs during the hours when school is in session. Eighteen is the minimum age for legal employment on the following hazardous occupa-tions: explosives manufacturing; motor-vehicle driver or helper; coal mining; logging and sawmilling; any occupation involving exposure to radioactive substances; and operating power-driven woodworking machines, powerdriven hoisting apparatus (including riding on freight elevators), and power-driven metal-forming, punching, and shearing machines.

Interstate Commerce

Those employees regularly crossing state lines to do their work are gen-erally considered in commerce. However, merely crossing state lines to get from their homes to work does not provide a basis for coverage.

Borderline cases will, of course, arise To cite a specific example, the Administrator recently had an inquiry from a construction contractor as to whether employees engaged in constructing a new express highway between Baltimore and Washington were covered by the Act. The Administrator pointed out that the new highway would join ex-

isting roads in Baltimore and Washington and that it would further facilitate interstate traffic. He held that its construction constituted an extension of existing interstate commerce.

The Administrator ruled that in his judgment it was immaterial that the construction company was building only 1,500 feet in the middle of the proposed highway without joining existing work at either end. It was only reasonable to assume, he stated, that the proposed highway in due time would be completed and would then extend the existing network of highways between Baltimore and Washing-

The Administrator, as far back as January, 1940, took the position that a contractor was engaged in reconstructing an essential means of commerce when his job of straightening an existing highway involved the construction of a part through virgin land and the building of new bridges.

In the case of Walling v. McCrady (Concluded on next page)



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Construction Co., a portion of county road tying in to interstate highways was relocated and a new conduit was constructed for a telephone company. This was held to constitute engaging in interstate commerce. The McCrady case held that the "facilities worked on" need not be "employed in commerce during their construction"

When in Doubt, Ask

Strict observance of the Act lessens the possibility of liabilities for a contractor. The Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of the U. S. Department of Labor, under the direction of Administrator William R. McComb, are responsible to Congress for assuring compliance with the provisions of the Act. This compliance is essential in fairness to law-abiding employers, otherwise they would be at a competitive

disadvantage with the less scrupulous. Congress has directed that these standards must and will be maintained on a nation-wide basis.

Our investigations, therefore, will continue to cover construction work, including the many major highways currently being planned. The Administrator considers our job primarily an educational one and prefers to assist contractors on questionable rather than uncover violations in the field. Due to the wide scope of the construction industry and the variety of situations and activities it involves, this discussion does not pretend to be ex-haustive. To supplement it, I extend the invitation on behalf of Administrator McComb to contractors throughout the nation to consult freely with our re-gional and field offices. You will find our staff members friendly and efficient. Their services are yours for the

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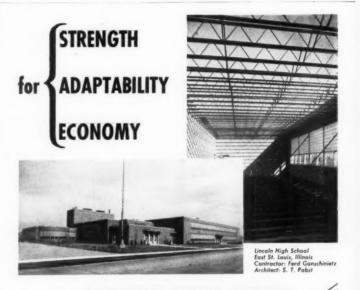


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Catalog on Motor Grader

The Model 104 motor grader is featured in a catalog issued by Galion Iron Works & Mfg. Co., Galion, Ohio. Its job applications are illustrated, as well as its mechanical features such as hand steering with hydraulic booster, boxtype single-member frame, and full visibility.

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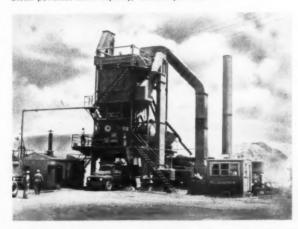
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By WILLIAM H. QUIRK, Eastern Editor

• ALTHOUGH the job is only 2.8 miles long, the new construction on the John Stark Highway in New Hampshire is about as stubborn as any that can be found in the Granite State, or in all of New England for that matter. Big boulders are liberally sprinkled in with the dirt, and the hard ledge rock stoutly resists the blasts of dynamite. Then for variety in the grading there have been muck deposits to be dug out and replaced with granular backfill.

The improvement is on State Route 103 in the town of Sunapee and Newbury, counties of Sullivan and Merrimack. It begins in Newbury near the Lake Sunapee station of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and just west of the intersection with State Route 103A. Skirting the southwestern shore of Lake Sunapee for 1½ miles, the road passes Mount Sunapee State Park, a yearround public recreational area equipped with a chair lift for skiers. The new work continues westerly beyond the intersection with State Route 103B, and terminates just beyond Mountain View Lake.

Construction got under way in November, 1950, after the New Hamp-shire State Department of Public Works and Highways awarded a contract for the improvement to the Frank W. Whitcomb Construction Corp. of North Walpole, N. H., on its low bid of \$440,000. The completion date is July, 1952. The calendar-time period was purposely stretched out because the contractor was required under the terms of the contract to suspend operations during the height of the recreation season which is during July and August and from December 15 to March 15. This conforms with New Hampshire's policy of keeping roads to its resort areas open the year round. Thus at the time of the greatest influx of visitors, motorists were not held up or delayed by construction activities, one-way traffic, or detours

New Location

Built in 1921, the existing highway had a tar and gravel surface 20 feet wide. Severe frost heaves, induced in part by skimpy or nonexistent base material to take care of the drainage, had broken or cracked the pavement over most of the project. Slight distances were short, and the vertical and horizontal alignment left much to be

C. & E. M. Photo

Resident Engineer Al Shattuck (left) and Superintendent John Pox.

desired. In addition, there was a blind intersection and steep grade at a grade

crossing of the B. & M. railroad.

A 1950 traffic count indicated the road carried an average of 888 vehicles daily; and it was estimated that this count would rise by 1960 to 1,200. The new road is designed for vehicular speeds of 50 mph, with a maximum curvature of 7 degrees and a maximum gradient of 6 per cent. Slight distances are lengthened and vision improved.

are lengthened, and vision improved. Besides the general relocation of the highway, about 1,000 feet of track on the Concord-Claremont line of the B. & M. was relocated at the lower end of the job. The railroad was shifted 60 feet into Lake Sunapee on a new embankment 32 feet wide. In conjunction with the State the B. & M. also improved its grade crossing in the interests of safety and smoother riding.

Typical Cross Section

A typical cross section of the new road shows a bituminous pavement 24 feet wide, and crowned from the center at the rate of ¼ inch to the foot. It is flanked on each side by 5-foot shoulders having a pitch of ½ inch to the

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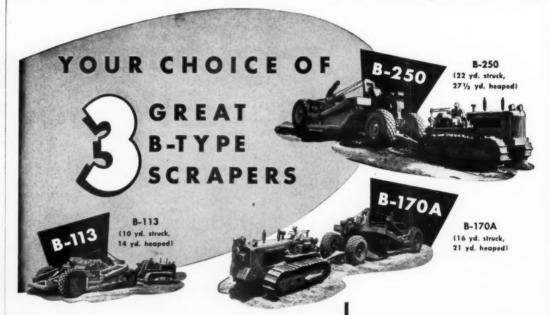
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foot. In fills up to 10 feet high the slopes are 4 to 1; in higher fills the slopes are 2 to 1; most earth cuts are 11/2 to 1; in ledge the cut slopes are 1 to 2.

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The gravel is primed with tar to a width of 26 feet in preparation for the class C-2 road-mix pavement. The road-mix, 3 inches thick, is composed of crushed gravel and asphalt, which is then given a bituminous seal coat with peastone for the aggregate cover.

Winter Grading

Although the contract did not get under way until nearly the end of 1950, work continued through most of the 1950-1951 winter. Not until April, when the frost began leaving the ground, creating a sea of mud, was grading suspended. But in three weeks the earth had dried out enough for the contractor to resume operations. It had been expected either that the weather would close down the job or that traffic to the ski resorts would be so heavy the road builders would have to withdraw.

However, the snow was light, and the contractor so planned his work as to offer no obstacles to the small amount of winter traffic using the highway. It was cold, of course, especially at the lower end of the project where strong winds blowing over the frozen surface of Lake Sunapee made 20-below tem-peratures fairly common throughout the winter. During the subzero weather the frost in some areas penetrated to a depth of 4 feet. It was often necessary to drill holes in the frozen ground and use substantial amounts of dynamite to loosen the material in an area large enough for a shovel to get started.

Nearly 8,000 yards of muck were also

removed during the winter over a 600foot section of swamp through the new location just north of the railroad crossng. A dragline handled the excavation which averaged 12 to 15 feet in depth The largest drainage structures on the project consisted of an 8 x 10 x 57-foot box culvert, twin 60-inch pipes 54 feet long, and the construction of an 8-foot extension on a 6 x 12-foot box culvert.

Rock Work

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classified and totaled 161,260 yards in the estimate, some cuts contained a large percentage of boulders. And the rock on the job was a hard ledge, most-ly granite. Drilling equipment for the blast holes consisted of four wagon drills—two Sullivans and two Chicago



A traffic circle takes shape on the road to Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire. Work-men are setting a granite curb around it. men are setting a granite curb ar

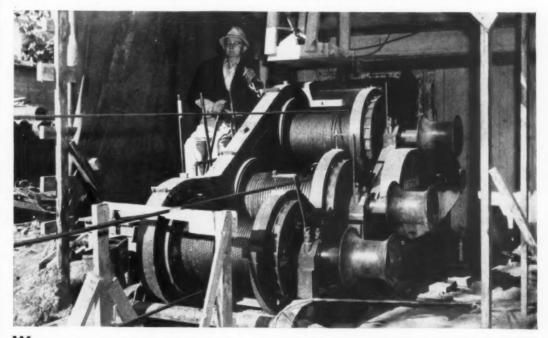
Pneumatics-and five Sullivan jackhammers. Five pneumatic compressors furnished the air—an Ingersell-Rand 85-cfm; a Chicago Pneumatic 105-cfm; an I-R 210-cfm; a C-P 500-cfm; and a Le Roi 600-cfm unit

The wagon drills used 11/4-inch drill steel in 6, 12, 18, and 24-foot lengths, with Timken carbide-insert rock bits

starting at 21/2 inches. Jackhammer steel came in lengths from 2 to 12 feet, and this drilling was also done with carbide-insert bits. Average spacing of the holes was 41/2 feet on centers both ways, and they were charged with American Cyanamid dynamite—both 40 and 60 per cent in sticks 11/4 x 8 inches

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and 11/2 x 12 inches. In spite of unusually close spacing of drill holes and the high dynamite ratio (pounds of dynamite used per yard of rock) the rock broke extremely large, requiring a lot of secondary drilling.

Up to 1,800 holes, containing 5 tons of dynamite, were shot at a time in removing a rock lift 24 feet deep. On the average, $1\frac{1}{4}$ pounds of powder yielded one yard of rock. One large rock cut had a width of 65 feet.

Varied Equipment

Excavators, either shovels or draglines, included a 1½-yard Link-Belt Speeder, a 1½-yard 605 Koehring, a 1½-yard Bucyrus-Erie, and a ¾-yard 304 Koehring; together with a ¾-yard 304 Koehring backhoe and a Bantam ¾yard truck-mounted shovel. The latter two rigs were used mostly for drainage



the John Stark Highway job, a Link-Belt Speeder $1\frac{1}{2}$ -yard shovel loads dirt and boulders into a Tournarocker.

and cleanup work. Another machine used in a variety of assignments was a Hough Payloader equipped with a

11/2-yard bucket.

For a fairly short job some of the hauls were long, such as in the work

of backfilling the swamp area where the necessary material was moved an average of 1½ miles, partly over the relocation and partly over the existing highway which was still kept open to traffic. On the long hauls Whitcomb used two end-dump Euclids holding 10 pay yards, and two rear-dump C Tournarockers carrying 10 pay yards a load. Short hauls were taken care of by six Koehring Dumptors, holding 6 to 8 yards, and a fleet of assorted hired trucks that at times numbered up to twenty.

The 35,000 yards of earth borrow that were required came from two pits one right on the job and the other about 1/2 mile south of the lower end. All the hauling equipment worked the job pit, while only the trucks were employed in hauling material from the other source. Dozer work was handled by five International TD-18 tractors and high-speed rubber-tired Tourna-Highest roadway fill was 29 feet and the deepest cut was 24 feet,

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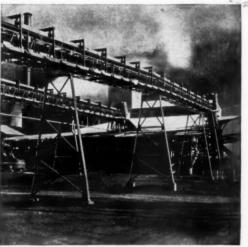
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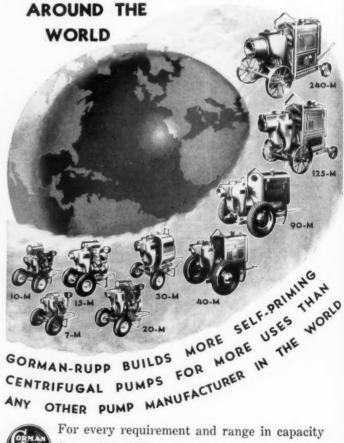




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In dumping fill an operator mistook soft ground for hard and the rear wheels of his Tournarocker slipped into a hole 3½ feet deep. In such a predicament a rear-drivs vehicle would have been stuck. However...



the operator locked its front wheels, turned them sideways to the body, and pulled on the rear wheels with the lower cable . . .



In a jiffy, the Rocker was out of the hole, and on its way.

measured at the center line. In one sidehill cut along the lake front there is a difference of 100 feet from the centerline grade to the top of slope.

Getting Out of a Hole

somewhat unusual feature for a road in New Hampshire was the large traffic circle built into State Route 103 at the entrance to Mount Sunapee State Park. The circle has a maximum diameter of 250 feet, and with its ap-proaches has a total length of 1,415 feet along the main highway. The park entrance is off one side of the circle, while the road to Lake Sunapee Park beach and Route 103B are off the other side. The inside edges of the roadway at the traffic circle are lined with granite curbing totaling 4,400 linear feet. State maintenance forces will later paint the curb with reflectorizing paint. Topsoil will be placed in the center area for a width of 15 feet measured from the curb line, and the remainder of the center area will be mulched with hay.

The C&EMonthly camera was on hand when material from one of the big rock cuts was being used as fill in building the road to Lake Sunapee Park beach, which is included in the contract. The operator of one of the Tournarockers that was hauling a mixed load of dirt and boulders mis took some very soft ground for stable earth while backing up to discharge The rear wheels of the 'Rocker slipped down into a hole 3½ to 4 feet deep. A rear-Jrive vehicle would have been stuck, but good, and would have required assistance to get out of the

Not so the Tournarocker. Its operator continued to dump the load by tilting the body to full height. Then he locked the front driving wheels, turning them sideways to the body so as to prevent the machine from sliding backwards, and pulled on the rear wheels with the lower cable used in dumping. The rear wheels lifted right out of the hole, and in a jiffy the Tournarocker had spun around and was on its way back to the shovel for another load.

Gravel Base Course

Heavy summer traffic in 1951 forced construction to a halt from the early part of July until after Labor Day. The remainder of the grading and the

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gravel base course was completed before the end of the year when opera-

Gravel for the base was hard to obtain, and involved a 2½-mile haul, all uphill, tions were suspended for the winter. from a pit south of the lower end of

the project. Trucks loaded by a shovel did the hauling.

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TDLEWILD AIRPORT, the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and sections of the New Jersey Turnpike are just a few of the large construction jobs undertaken by the Gull Contracting Co., Inc., of Flushing, New York. Rugged projects like these subject off-the-road tires on this company's 50 fifteen cubic yard dump trucks and 130 other vehicles to extreme abuse — mud, rock, slime and debris. Says William Gull:

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With the coming of good weather this spring, the contractor is returning to the project to complete the fine-grading and apply the priming tar to the drives, approaches, and the road to Sunapee Park beach. He will also put down

the bituminous road-mix and finish the project in advance of the expected heavy tourist traffic.

Quantities and Personnel

Major items included in the 2.8-mile highway reconstruction are as follows:

Clearing and grubbing	21	acres
Unclassified excavation	161,260	
Muck excavation		cu. yd
Earth borrow	35,000	cu. yd
iravel		cu. yd
Tar prime	50,300	
rushed gravel for pavement	8,500	
Asphalt cutback	102,000	gals.

Frank W. Whitcomb Construction Corp. employed an average force of 50 on the project under the direction of John T. Fox, Superintendent.
For the New Hampshire Department

of Public Works and Highways, Fred Hansen was Resident Engineer at the beginning of construction. When he became Supervising Resident Engineer of several contracts on the reconstruc-tion of State Route 9, he was succeeded by Al Shattuck as Resident Engineer.

The Department is now headed by

John O. Morton, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer, who is Acting Commissioner. Robert H. Whitaker is Construction Engineer.

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Fred J. Driscoll, President of George F. Driscoll Co., New York general-contracting firm which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. His father founded the firm.

N. Y. Contractor's Golden Anniversary

On April 1, 1902, young George F. Driscoll, a Brooklyn bricklayer, made a neat entry in his new cashbook: "This day Geo. F. Driscoll started in business of general contracting. Capital as follows: \$315.73 in bank; \$100 cash in pocket."

Today, Mr. Driscoll's two sons look back with pride to their father's modest start as a one-man organization. With pride, because George F. Driscoll Co. of New York City is now one of the outstanding general-contracting firms in the eastern United States. The Driscoll sons took over the direction of the firm when their father died in 1941; Fred J. Driscoll is now President and his brother George F. Driscoll, Jr., is Vice President.

Included in the major building projects the firm has completed are eight of the New York City Housing Authority's apartment houses; the U. S. Parcel Post Building in Long Island City; King's County Hospital Nurses' Home in Brooklyn; the Brooklyn Police head-quarters; Jamaica and Hunts Point sewage-treatment plants; and the U. S. Navy Building at Arlington, Va. Driscoll has also done several foreign jobs, including the \$90,000,000 U. S. Army Air Base at Trinidad, British West Indies, during World War II; and various public and private building projects in Venezuela.

Fred Driscoll is an active leader in New York's building-construction industry and is second-term President of the Building Trades Employers' Association of New York City, an organization of 1,000 contractors. He belongs to many other building associations, and is a member of The Moles, an organization representing the heavy-construction industry.

Chain Belt Executives

There have been several organizational changes at Chain Belt Co., Milwaukee, Wis., involving staff promotions. W. J. Sparling takes over the newly created post of Vice President and Manager of Milwaukee Operations, which gives him executive responsibility for the three major Milwaukee divisions — Construction Machinery,

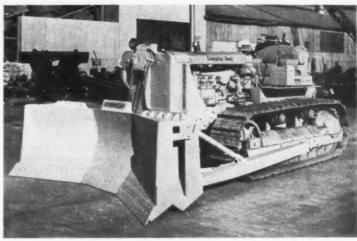


Chain and Power Transmission, and Conveyor and Process Equipment. Mr. Sparling, who joined the firm in 1928, was Vice President and Manager of the Chain and Transmission Division prior to his new appointment. His successor as Manager of that division is M. G. Jewett, formerly its Chief Engineer. Mr. Jewett has been with Chain Belt since 1927 and has held various posts since then.

There have been several promotions in the Construction Machinery Division: B. F. Devine, Vice President and Manager, becomes a Staff Officer of the company and will serve in an advisory and consulting capacity. A. K. Thomas, formerly Sales Manager, takes Mr. Devine's place as Manager. W. A. Clayton, hitherto Eastern Regional Sales Manager, succeeds Mr. Thomas as Sales Manager. J. W. Lendved, formerly Chief Engineer, is Director of Engineering of the Division.

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W. C. Messinger, Manager of the Ordnance Division, has been elected Assistant Secretary of the company.



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The mixture is tapped into mold form



Then the mold gets a hot-water test bath.



The lab man determines its specific gravity.



Broken down, its makeup is clearly seen.

Project Tests Claims For Rubberized Roads

Seeks to Answer: Is Cost Justified by Longer Pavement Life, And Which Is Most Economical Rubber to Use?

By ROBERT E. STEELE, Director of Public Information, Virginia Department of Highways (on military leave)

• IT has long been claimed that the addition of a small percentage of powdered rubber brings new qualities of durability and safety to the bituminous wearing surface of a highway. A research project now under way in Virginia will help prove or disprove this contention. If the outcome is what the rubber industry confidently expects, future road builders may be highly dependent on an adequate rubber supply.

Proponents of rubber as a roadbuilding agent say it gives a more durable bituminous mixture, one that is less susceptible to temperature change, and therefore one less likely to bleed at high temperatures or crack at low temperatures. Also, rubber is said to offer a smoother riding surface, a greater resistance to skidding, and less ice film at below-freezing temperatures.

Aware of the far-reaching implications of those claims, the Virginia Department of Highways in 1949 launched a major research project designed to determine the merits of rubber in highway construction and maintenance. The research division of the Virginia road agency is at Charlottesville where, in conjunction with the Engineering Department of the University of Virginia, it functions as the Virginia Council of Highway Investigation and Research. To this group, headed by Director of Research T. S. Shelburne, fell the task of setting up and carrying out the project.

Test Sections

The study was fashioned to probe into the relative merits of the three available types of powdered rubber: natural, synthetic, and reclaimed. Beginning in the summer of 1949, three field experiments were established. On U. S. 250, some 5 miles west of Richmond, a test section was built incorporating powdered natural rubber in the bituminous - concrete sand - asphalt



T. S. Shelburne is Director of Research for the Virginia Department of Highways. Here he runs his fingers through samples of reclaimed rubber (left) and natural rubber.

wearing surface. Nearby, a similar surface employing powdered reclaimed rubber was constructed. The following year saw an experimental section containing powdered synthetic rubber built on Route 302 near Charlottesville. Adjacent to the experimental sections, identical sections without rubber were constructed to provide a sound basis for comparison.

Each section will come under close scrutiny during the entire lifetime of the various pavements. Since the normal useful life of a high-type bituminous surface is generally at least seven years, it will be some time before definite conclusions can be reached. From an economic standpoint, two questions are of particular importance. (1) Will the life of the pavement be extended sufficiently to justify the cost of the rubber? (2) Which will prove the most economical—natural, reclaimed, or synthetic rubber?

The experimental sections are subject to close and frequent visual inspection. Road-roughness measurements are made regularly with the

single-wheel type of road-roughness indicator designed by the Bureau of Public Roads. Skid-resistance tests are made under various speeds and surface conditions, with individual measurments closely checked with repeat tests made under like conditions. Laboratory studies include density and stability tests, along with computation of the void percentage of cores from the experimental sections.

Results thus far, of course, are not

conclusive. The experiment has clearly indicated, however, that it is entirely feasible to incorporate small percentages of powdered rubber in sand-as-phalt mixtures. All sections, both with and without the rubber, are in good condition after one to two years of service and no significant difference between the test and control sections is apparent on visual inspection. To date all sections have a satisfactory skid resistance, though the rubber sections in general have had slightly shorter stopping distances at higher speeds. Sections containing natural and synthetic rubber appear to have lower average densities and higher average voids than their respective control sections, though the opposite has been true of the strip with reclaimed rubber. Virginia engineers are quick to point out that these are preliminary findings and may have relatively little longrange significance. Only after the passage of considerable time and traffic will the story be known

There is a precedent for the Virginia study in experiments with rubber-asphalt which other countries have conducted, chiefly the Dutch, in Holland and the East Indies. Most of the foreign experiments employed hand methods, but in order to tailor its study for maximum value to mechanical-minded state, city, and county road agencies, Virginia built its test sections with machine

Natural-Rubber Section

The first section that was built is a natural-rubber test strip 1,000 feet long, (Continued on next page)



Here a field test section is being laid on U. S. 25 using powdered natural rubber at the rate of 6 per cent by weight of asphalt.

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with binder course and a bituminous-concrete sand-asphalt wearing surface on top of an old plant-mix surface. The road is 30 feet wide, with an average daily traffic volume of 3,500 vehicles, about one-quarter of which are trucks and busses. The aggregate used (%-inch maximum size) was 50-50 natural sand and granite screenings. The amount of asphalt was set at 7 per cent and the rubber content at 6 per cent by weight of the asphalt—about 0.42 per cent by weight of the total mix.

The mixture was produced in a Simplicity plant of the stationary pugmill type. Rubber powder for each batch was dumped into the pugmill along with dry aggregate previously heated to 300-315 degrees. After the rubber and aggregate were mixed for 15 seconds, the asphalt, heated to 215 degrees, was added and the mixing was continued for 45 seconds.

The existing road surface was cleaned and a tack coat of asphalt applied, followed by a bituminous-concrete binder. As soon as the binder course was completed in each lane, it was covered immediately with the wearing surface containing the rubber. An attempt was made to lay the wearing course as thin as possible, averaging 62.5 pounds per square yard for the rubber test section, 65.5 pounds for the control section. The latter, adjacent to the test section, was in all respects similar except that it contained no rubber. Both courses were placed by a Barber-Greene finisher and rolled by 7 and 12-ton tandem rollers.

Reclaimed-Rubber Section

The reclaimed-rubber test section and its control section were placed about ½ mile from the natural-rubber project. Thus the original surface and the traffic volume of the two are com-parable. There were some differences in the construction materials used. The reclaimed-rubber test section and its control strip are each 500 feet long and contain an aggregate mixture of % natural sand, 1/3 crushed gravel. The asphalt content is 6.5 per cent, with 6 per cent reclaimed rubber. The rubber arser than natural rubberweighed, added, and mixed to the hot dry aggregate according to the same ocedure followed with the natural rubber. After the old surface was cleaned and a tack coat of asphalt applied, the mixture was placed directly on the original road surface, with no binder course. It was placed by an binder course. Adnun paver and applied at the rate of 124.7 pounds per square yard. Similar conditions obtained on the control sec-

Synthetic-Rubber Section

The synthetic-rubber experimental section, built in the summer of 1950, is a brand-new road with an asphalt-primed base and a binder course. The top course (containing the rubber) is 20 per cent sand, 80 per cent stone screenings. Powdered synthetic rubber was added to the dry aggregate in the pugmill at the rate of 6 per cent rubber based on an asphalt content of 7.5 per cent. The paving material was applied at a rate of 80 pounds per square yard by a Barber-Greene finisher. The adjacent control section was built in the same fashion with the same materials, less the synthetic rubber.

During the construction of each section, detailed records were kept of the temperatures and workability of the various mixes. No difficulty was encountered in placing the mixtures containing synthetic or reclaimed rubber, but with the natural-rubber mix it was found that in order to prevent pulling" it was necessary to operate the Barber-Greene machine at a slower rate (8 fpm) with the rubber than without (12 fpm). With the reclaimed rubber, particles of rubber were visible above the compacted surface immediately after rolling; however, most of these were whipped off by traffic.

Results So Far

The most important follow-up studies have taken the form of close visual observation, road-roughness measurements, skid-resistance tests, and laboratory studies of cores cut from the various sections.

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Thus far, all sections are in good condition and there has been no difference in performance between the sections containing rubber and their respective control strips. Two longitudinal cracks about 25 feet long have developed in the section containing natural rubber. These did not enter the control section. Engineers theorize that possibly they were caused by the presence of an old ditch or a widening at the time the road was reconstructed as a three-lane pavement.

Road Roughness

Road-roughness measurements thus far have indicated little significant difference between the rubber and the control sections. Only long-range trends will be of conclusive value since initially both the rubber and the control sections were of the same relative smoothness. After a year or so of operation, tests indicated a considerable difference in the roughness of the outside lanes and the inside or passing lanes of the three-lane pavement—but the greater roughness of the outside lanes was due, of course, to the nature of traffic rather than to construction materials.

Skid Resistance

One of the primary benefits claimed for the use of powdered rubber in asphalt mixtures is that it improves the skid resistance of the surface. Thus, many of the nation's road builders have followed with close attention Virginia's frequent skid-resistance tests. The tests are made with a standard automobile under varying conditions of wet and (Concluded on next page)

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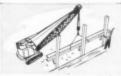
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Project Test Claims For Rubberized Roads

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dry surface at speeds of 10, 20, 30, and 40 mph. Measurements are computed from the spot at which the driver brakes his vehicle to the stopping point.

With the road surfaces dry, very little variation has been noted in stopping distances. Under wet surface conditions, only minor differences were observed at the lower speeds, but at 40 mph, stopping distances on the natural and reclaimed-rubber surfaces have been consistently less than on their respective control sections. For no obvious reason, results have been varied on the synthetic-rubber pavement surface.

During one test at 40 mph on a wet surface, stopping distance on the section with natural rubber was 87.5 feet, compared with 101.2 feet on the control section without rubber. Three other tests at other times but under the same conditions revealed differences of 5.8, 7.3, and 1.3 feet—all in favor of the section with rubber.

One wet-pavement 40-mph test on the section containing reclaimed rubber showed a stopping distance of 77.8 feet, compared with 87.6 on the adjoining nonrubberized control section. Differences were less pronounced at other times on the reclaimed-rubber experimental project.

Since the synthetic-rubber section was set up a year after the others, only two skid-resistance tests have been run. The first showed a 6.7-foot difference in favor of the section with rubber, the second a 3.4-foot difference in favor of the nonrubberized control section.

Commenting on these tests, Virginia engineers point out that it is not possible to perform them under absolutely identical conditions at different times since in some cases there is a difference in cars, in drivers, and in tire and weather conditions. Also, the presence of oil spots on the surface varies. Thus only long-range trends will establish the real picture. All sections, rubberized or not, came well within the AASHO standards for safe stopping distances.

Density, Stability

laboratory studies, Virginia's In Council of Highway Investigation and Research has computed the void percentage of cores cut from the various sections and has run careful density and stability tests. Sections containing natural and synthetic rubber had lower average densities and higher average voids than their corresponding control sections: the section containing reclaimed rubber, however, had a higher average density and lower average voids than its control section. These studies indicate that reclaimed rubber may somewhat improve density and lower the percentage of voids while natural and synthetic rubber may have just the opposite effect.

The density and voids in bituminous

The density and voids in bituminous concrete are particularly important physical characteristics; in general the mixtures with higher densities have higher stability since deterioration from air and water are more rapid

air and water are more rapid.

Most of the surface cores from the test sections were too thin to permit stability tests. None were possible on the natural rubber, and there was no significant difference between the stability of cores from the synthetic-rubber section and from its control area. The stability of cores from the reclaimed-rubber section was definitely higher than that of cores from its control strip.

All of these tests will be continued during the useful lifetime of the respective pavements, and results will be recorded in meticulous detail and reported regularly. With a vital stake in the project, cost-conscious and safety-minded highway engineers throughout the country are closely watching developments.

Personnel

The studies are being conducted under the immediate direction of T. S. Shelburne, Director of Research for the Virginia Department of Highways and Head of the Council of Highways Investigation and Research. Plans and policies are formulated by the administrative board of the Council, composed of C. S. Mullen, Chief Engineer of the Virginia Road Department, Chairman; Charles Henderson, Dean of the Department of Engineering of the University of Virginia; and Mr. Shelburne. Members of the Council staff working directly on the rubber studies include R. L. Sheppe (now on military leave), A. W. Maner, F. B. McNeely, J. H. Dillard, R. W. Rhoe, and engineering graduate students of the University of Virginia.

Becherer Is L-B President

Robert C. Becherer, former Executive Vice President, is the newly elected President of Link-Belt Co., Chicago, Ill., to succeed George P. Torrence, who is retiring from active service. Previous to his election, Mr. Becherer as well as William J. Kelly, President of Machinery & Allied Products Institute, was elected a Director of Link-

Belt, thus increasing the number of directors from 12 to 14. All the 12 former directors were re-elected, including Mr. Torrence, who will serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

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Mr. Becherer joined Link-Belt in 1923; in 1947 he was appointed General Manager of the company's Ewart Plant in Indianapolis; in 1951 he became Vice President, and later in the year, Executive Vice President.

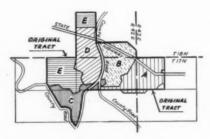




Reporting on Unusual Surveying Problems and Their Solutions

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How to Please the Ladies



"Surveying country subdivided into townships, ranges and sections seems, on first thought, to offer few problems," writes F. W. Welch of Pullman, Wash. "But this rectangular system, ideal for prairie states, does not lend itself to the rolling hills of 'the Inland Empire'—the wheat and pea belts of eastern Washington State."

"Here, to approximate contour farming, farmers have traded land back and forth, eliminating steep slopes and hard pulls. As a rule, no records are kept, causing problems when old-timers pass on. Heirs usually specify that a tract be divided to 'farm right'—meaning lines must run up valleys, over saddles between hills, and provide a spring and building site for each.

"Recently I had to divide 1,000 acres among five girls in this manner. The land lay in four townships, two ranges and six sections; was cut by a state highway and four county roads. The highway and one road had been relocated; and there were two unrecorded property exchanges for convenience in farming.

"I tackled the job with a Gurley Solar Transit (the new Land Office type). Distances were measured by slope chaining with 300-ft. tape

and Abney level, and reduced to horizontal by use of a versine table. Directions were read by true azimuths, using the backsight method, with solar checks every three or four setups.

"We discovered that original surveys were made with a solar out of adjustment. While Government notes read, 'Thence I run due north,' the line was actually N. 3°50'E. A mile, measured by steel tape, never agreed with one measured way back in 1878 with a worn-out Gunter's chain.

"Outer boundaries were run, Lats and Deps and D.M.D.'s computed, and area plotted. Trial division lines were then run and acres computed. Result: Each girl received 200 acres ± maximum of ½ acre... Everybody satisfied."



Pleasing the Surveyor

"A lot of the credit goes to the Gurley Transit," says Fred Welch, Asst. Prof., Civil Engineering (Ret.), State College of Washington. "My Gurley, purchased four years ago, is still in perfect adjustment."

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Iron-Curtain Scientists "Invent" Asphalt Finisher

As every schoolboy knows, it was Russian scientists and engineers who invented radio, electricity, television, heavier-than-air craft, and beet borscht. The Kremlin now announces a new triumph of Soviet engineering genius: development of the asphalt finisher. The fact that the Russian machine bears a striking resemblance to the Barber-Greene Model 879-A finisher is merely coincidence, of course.

The following is a portion of the Russian technical report, with appropriate notations by Barber-Greene:

"A group of designers of the Leningrad branch of the All-Union Scientific Research Institute of Building of the Road Construction Administration worked out in 1948 the design of the D-150 asphalt-cement finisher, an experimental model of which was constructed by the Experimental Works of the Ministry of Road Construction at the beginning of 1949."

Poor spy system . . . took almost 12 years to steal all the plans.

"The machine was proved suitable for the purpose of laying asphaltcement."

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would work, too.

"The factory tests were performed in Bryansk in September, 1949."

Aurora, Illinois, USA, in 1935.

Aurora, Illinois, USA, in 1935.
"The D-150 will be used in the con-

struction of motor roads and road repair work."

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"It can also be combined with a mobile mixer and the self-propelled T-61 loader, thus creating an original combine for road building and mixing on the site of the work."

Ivan, you've been peeking. You must have seen our Travel Plant at the Road Show in 1930.

Improved Receiver

A new simplified radio communications receiver with fourteen standard tubes has been developed by Communications & Electronics Division, Motorola, Inc., 4545 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago 51, Ill. Used with 2-way mobile radio systems, it has five different tube types. Previous models required 16 or 17 tubes.

The components and wiring have been simplified so that all terminals and service points are fully available without removing or relocating other components or wiring. This new unit is fully interchangeable with previous models now in operation, and is being supplied in all current shipments.

Spurious and image response has been improved. The control oscillator circuit is said to maintain increased stability over wide voltage fluctuations and is tunable over greater frequency ranges than previous models.

Further information may be secured from the company. Or use the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 882.

New Power Takeoff

A split-shaft power takeoff is made by Cemco Industries, Inc., First National Bank Bldg., Galion, Ohio. It operates as a section of the driveshaft

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it, depending on the length of the chassis and wheelbase. The company points out that with a Jaeger Travel-Air compressor, the takeoff makes possible a standard maintenance body plus an air compressor with tools.

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Bulletin on Wheelbarrows

A catalog on the American line of wheelbarrows, hand trucks, and concrete carts is announced by The American Steel Scraper Co., Sidney, Ohio. It illustrates and gives complete specifications on the concrete, general-purpose, stone, and utility barrows, which are made with both tubular-steel and wood frames. The company also makes 6½ and 9-cubic-foot-capacity concrete carts.

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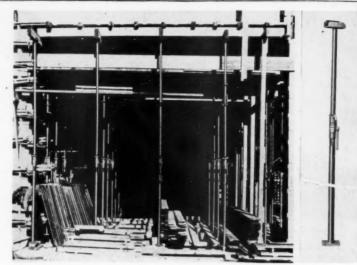
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Telescoping Shore

A self-contained telescoping steel shore that is handled by one man and permits fine adjustment is announced by Safway Steel Products, Inc., 6234 W. State St., Milwaukee 13, Wis. Three sizes cover a range from 6 to 15½ feet above the mounting surface; each has a 5-foot range of adjustment. Load-carrying capacities as high as 9,900 pounds are made possible by a special sleeve-nut design.

For rough adjustment, the upper telescoping member is raised to approximate height and held by inserting a pin through one of the holes spaced every 6 inches along the tube. The pin is attached by a chain and ring to prevent loss. Final adjustment is then obtained by rotating a threaded sleeve nut, thus elevating the head to the exact height required. A fine-adjustment range of 6 inches is available at a rate of ½ inch per turn.

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At left, the Safway telescoping shores, extended 15 feet 3 inches, on a building job done by C. R. Meyer Construction Co., Oshkosh, Wis. At right, a closeup showing the 8-inch U-head rough-adjustment pin, sleeve nut, and box plate.

pounds. For firm support, 2¼ inches of thread are engaged at all times. The sleeve nut is said to protect the threads from damage, concrete, etc.

The U-shaped head plate is designed for locating 4-inch lumber or lapped 2-inch lumber on edge. No nailing is required under normal conditions, but staggered nail holes are provided for use when desired. The standard U-head is 8 inches long, making it possible for two 4-inch timbers to be butted together. Safway shores can be furnished with 14-inch U-heads for beam formwork. The base plate is 7 inches square, making it possible for the shore to stand upright without other support

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Cal-Flex is made in six sizes from 1/4 to 3/4 inch and can withstand pressures from 12 to 72 psi.

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Asbestos Pipeline Felt

A booklet on tar or asphalt-saturated asbestos felt for protection of pipelines is available from The Philip Carey Mfg. Co., 316 S. Wayne Ave., Cincinnati 15, Ohio. On-the-job illustrations show how the felt is wrapped mechanically over the hot bituminous coating.

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Prestressed Bridge Goes Up Fast, Easy

New Design and Techniques Developed Along American Lines Simplify and Speed Building of Prestressed-Concrete Bridge

By MICHAEL A. SPRONCK, Associate Editor

• THE basic design of the John R. Road Bridge is simple. A series of factory-made I-shaped concrete blocks, prestressed by two steel cables, form 41-foot beams set side by side to span the Red Run flood-control drainage channel in Royal Oak Township, Mich. Construction was equally simple. A dozen men, in all, set the blocks, grouted them, prestressed the two cables, and raised the finished beams to place on column caps.

Red Run Drainage Board, an intercounty commission in Michigan, is the proud owner of the new structure. Widening of the Red Run channel northeast of Detroit required that a new bridge be built at the intersection of the drain and John R. Road. The latter is an important artery in the Oakland County highway network and it was important that the structure be completed as fast as possible.

The Board selected Johnson & Anderson, consulting engineer of Pontiac, Mich., to design the new structure. Current steel shortages and limited time allowed for construction necessitated the engineers' unique design in prestressed concrete. L. A. Davidson, of Lansing, Mich., got the contract for the 130-foot 3-span structure on a low bid of \$99,220.

Precast Blocks Cheaper

Clair Johnson and Felix Anderson had been interested in the application of prestressed concrete for structures in the U. S. before they designed the John R. Bridge. Their studies indicated that precast concrete was cheaper than castin-place concrete for this type of work—substantiating the experience of R. H. Bryan, consulting engineer from Nashville, Tenn., in his design of a smaller bridge for similar use in Tennessee (C.&E.M., August, 1951, pg. 88, Col. 4). Their design, however, features I-shaped blocks rather than the hollow rectangular blocks used on the earlier bridge.

Standardization: Key to Design

The new 130-foot structure has three spans, an intermediate and two end spans, designed for an H-15 loading. Identical beams are used for all spans. The blocks are alike except for the four at each end of the beams and the two depressor blocks at each of the third points. (See photos on page 35.) The odd-shaped blocks at the ends and the third points align the prestressing cable in a bowl-like shape along the length of the beam. This is necessary to produce the eccentricity of the prestressing force near the center of the beam where the moment due to loading is

The machine-made I-shaped blocks are 23% inches deep, 15% inches wide, and 7% inches thick. The top flange is 3% inches deep and the bottom flange is 2% inches deep. The web is 2½ inches wide and joins the flanges at a straight 45-degree angle 2½ inches from each flange. The blocks were cast with a %-inch-deep lip around the sides and bottom of one face to contain the mortar poured between adjoining blocks when the beam was formed.

The end blocks and depressor blocks are essentially rectangular in shape. Two 3½-inch holes through the end blocks carry the prestressing cable through the beam center line at the end

points. The outside face of the end blocks is tapered so that the cable pull is perpendicular to the block face. A notch low on each side of the depressor blocks holds the cable down near the bottom of the beam through the middle third of the span.

Two 1-inch-diameter galvanized bridge strands exert the prestressing force on the blocks—one on each side of the 1-block webs. John A. Roebling's Sons Co., of Trenton, N. J., made the cables and the specially developed end fittings. The prestressing steel was pre-



C. & E. M. Photo

The fourth prestressed-concrete bridge in the U. S.—John B. Boad Bridge over Red Bun drainage channel in Michigan. A Lorain 40 Moto-Crane handles a bucket of wearing-surface concrete at the center span.

fabricated in the company's plant and shipped to the job ready for use. This permitted a simple and rapid prestressing by center-hole hydraulic jacks.

Twenty-two standardized beams and two facia beams, laid with the flanges abutting, support the 24-foot roadway

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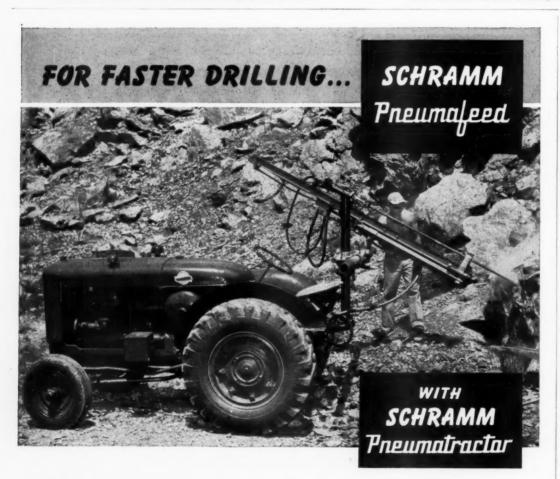




A Lorain 40 Moto-Crane places the center spreader to assure vertical lift at the end points of the bea



Left to right: Project Manager Andy Zynda, Ken Davidson, Consulting Engineers
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and 3-foot sidewalks on each side. Transverse prestressing cables, 0.6-inch galvanized bridge strand, tie the beams together at the ends and the third points of each span. The top corners of the beam flanges are notched to form a 1 x 1/2-inch keyway when the beams were placed side by side. A 3-inchminimum reinforced-concrete wearing surface poured over the beams thus serves to distribute the load and unite the members as an integral structure. The bridge also features a replaceable prestressed-concrete railing, the first in this country.

Building the Substructure

Davidson started to work on the substructure in June, 1951, right after the Army Corps of Engineers had completed the Red Run channel dredging. Two two-column pile bents on spread footings support the bridge.

The concrete crew laid a 6-inch concrete mat on the channel bed as a working surface for the footing forms. Carpenters back at the central yard in Williamston meanwhile made up the forms with DeWalt radial-arm saws and a couple of portable Skilsaws, and sped them to the job site by truck. A crawler crane up at the top of the channel slope took the panels off the hauling truck and lowered them to job carpenters. The men worked fast, wary of the potential flash floods that could raise 16 feet of water in the channel in a few

The footings are 10 feet wide, 32 feet long, and 2 feet 6 inches deep. The 3 x 3-foot RC columns are set 20 feet apart on each footing. Each column has an 8-foot 6-inch bullnose on the upstream face for proper water-flow characteristics. The pier caps are 36 feet out-to-out, 3 feet wide, and 3½ feet deep. Plywood-faced panels were used on all exposed surfaces; old ply-wood or boards did the trick on the unexposed portions. The 2 x 6 studs, 12 inches on centers for exposed areas and

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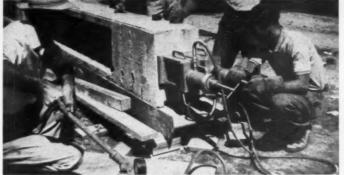
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C. & E. M. and Johnson & Anderson Photos

The mock setup above shows the end, I-shaped, and dapressor blocks used to form the beams of the bridge—also the line of the prestressing cable and the Simplex center-hole hydraulic rams and pump used for tension-ing. At right, a beam being prestressed. At the far right, the end of a finished beam.





16 inches on centers for unexposed surfaces, held the panels. Standard double 2 x 6 wales and Williams form accessories completed the bracing.

Forms Washed Out

tion. Flash floods washed away the 8 to

10-foot low-flow clay dike and some of the formwork, too. As soon as the water subsided, Davidson's men moved in again using an old standby K & E transit to realign the forms. This little battle was repeated three times before the men won out and got the concrete poured and set.

Frank Knight, of Centerline, Mich.,

supplied the concrete in 41/2-yard transit-mix trucks. A Lorain crawlermounted 41 working at the top of the slope swung a 1½-yard Blaw-Knox bucket over to the truck, picked up the concrete, lowered it to the forms, and then swung back for the rest of the batch. Davidson had the Lorain tailweighted with a 2-ton counterweight to

assure safety for the 25-foot reach to the forms. A Master gasoline-powered vibrator worked the mix tight against the forms and down below all the steel. The use of a Sinclair pale paraffin form oil made stripping easy the following day. A 1: 2.2: 3.8 mix with a 2.3 water-cement ratio fulfilled the spex

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Steel I-beams salvaged from the old

bridge and laid on their sides served as

templates. The workmen set each block on the web of the steel and then shoved it tight against the inside of the beam flange. The row of blocks thus took on the shape of a laminated concrete I-beam. This was O. K., but there weren't enough steel beams on the site to set up a real assembly line for mass production of the prestressed members, so the John R. Road itself became an assembly line. Workmen laid a series of 3/4-inch marine-plywood panels on 2 x boards right on the road surface. Other 2 x 6's, nailed to the upper surface of the plywood, formed the blockaligning straightedge. Lag bolts through the boards and the plywood enabled the men to level the entire surface to a true horizontal plane.

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After a complete row of blocks were on proper line and set as tight as possible by hand, workmen ran the prestressing cables through the end blocks and along each side of the I-block webs. They tucked the cables into the de-

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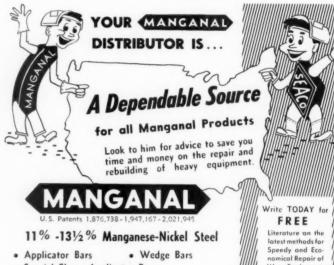


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pressor notches, fitted the hydraulic jacks to the ends, and put on a small tighting load to make sure the blocks were snug.

Grouting the Blocks

The idea of the little lip on the face of each block was a good one. It meant that the blocks could be spaced and cemented together simply by pouring a grout into the opening at the top edge between the blocks. (This is contrasted with the job in Tennessee where each block was buttered with mortar and set % inch from the previously placed block.) The saying was easier than the doing, however. The lip "spaced" the blocks properly, but it wasn't formed well enough to hold a grout.

At first Davidson used a local blue-

At first Davidson used a local blueclay plaster to fill in the breaks on the lip, but the engineers were worried that some of the clay might be getting into the space between blocks and therefore requested that a straight mortar be used to seal the "holidays". A little later it was shown that the clay didn't go in, but by then it was six of one, half dozen of the other, so they continued with the mortar.

The actual grouting was a fast operation. A man started at each end of the beam, poured the joints between blocks half full, and then returned to fill them up. This prevented too high a head pressure on the filled-in lip. The grout was made up in a Jaeger 1-sack mixer. The formula was one sack of Peerless high-early cement to 5 gallons of water, with enough sand added to bring it to a thick cream consistency.

Prestressing: Quick and Easy

A 1,000-pound initial stress on the beams filled up the voids and squeezed excess water out of the joints. Though the load fell off very quickly, it could not be reapplied. The mortar was still wet and contact of high spots on the block faces would have pushed the blocks out of line or broken them at the contract points. Wetted fabric, kept on for three days, assured an adequate

The two Simplex center-hole hydraulic rams, actuated by a single pump, prestressed the steel fully on the fourth day. A series of deft strokes on the pump handle brought the total load on the beam up to 105,000 pounds. Anchorage nuts run up on the end-fitting stud secured the cables against the endbearing plate. The engineers checked cable elongation against the pump reading to make certain that the cable was not "hung up" at some point. There was no problem of friction at the depressor points.

Davidson crews had high praise for the Americanized method of prestressing. The new Simplex rams, a modification of Templeton, Kenly's standard hydraulic jack, neatly held the Roebling cable fitting and tensioned the strand with little manual effort. Prestressing took less than 15 minutes per beam (in contrast with European work).

Crane Places Beams

A Lorain 40 Moto-Crane lifted the prestressed beams from the templates and set them on the pier caps. Two cables looped over the anchorage nuts formed the simple sling. A steel I-beam spreader on the sling assured a nearly vertical lifting force on the ends to avoid negative forces in the new beams. The crane's longest reach with its 5½-ton load was 40 feet. It set first the end span near the beam assembly line, then the center span, and then the other end span.

A ¼-inch steel plate covers the pier caps. The 8 x 14 x ¼-inch load plates under each beam permit free expansion of the bridge at the piers. The beams rest on a ¾-inch joint filler at the abutments and are grouted to l-inch dowels.

As the crane lowered each beam into place, workmen carefully threaded the

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transverse prestressing cables through holes at the ends and third points of the beam. They mortared the longitudinal joints between beams, set wood screeds and bar-mat reinforcing for the deck pavement, formed the facias, and then poured the top surface and facias as an integral mass. Transit-mix trucks brought in the concrete. As the concrete fed from a bottom-dump bucket onto the decking, the workmen handfinished the pavement to a minimum 3-inch surface. They used a 5-foot float, checked it with a 10-foot straightedge, and then burlapped to a smooth finish.

The same jacking setup, slung over the bridge sides, served for the transverse prestressing. The load was taken up to 27,000 pounds at each of the transverse prestressing points. The sidewalks were poured later and the bridge railing set in place.

Novel Bridge Railing

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Personnel

The John R. bridge was completed in November, 1951. L. A. Davidson did the job with about a dozen men. Andy Zynda was Project Manager; Aubrey Polly, Job Superintendent. Felix Anderson and Clair Johnson were the designers and field representatives for the Red Run Drainage Board, headed by John Hudson, Chief of Drainage, Michigan Department of Agriculture.

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A pipe and bolt-threading machine self-contained die head is announced by The Ridge Tool Co., Elyria, Ohio. The new Quadritype die head of the Ridgid 500 can be adjusted to thread 1 to 2-inch pipe without removing either the die or the head from the machine.

All tools in the new series cut and ream independently and swing out of the way when not in use. The thread oil system is entirely concealed. chuck has 6 adjusting pinions with one always in sight. The machine is powered by a universal forward-reverse 115-volt electric motor which supplies ample power for threading 12-inch pipe when geared tools are used. comes in bench and stand models, with or without wheels. Mono and duo-type die heads for threading pipe from 1/4 2 inches in diameter are also available from the company.

Further information may be secured from the company. Or use the Request Card that is bound in at page 16. Circle No. 920.

Info on Centrifugal Pumps

A 12-page catalog on self-priming centrifugal pumps has been issued by Homelite Corp., 71 Riverdale Ave., Port Chester, N. Y. It includes on-the-job photos and stresses these features of the pumps: carryability, fast selfautomatic seepage control, priming, high suction lift, nonclogging design, maintained rated capacity, and dis-charge pressure. The catalog also gives brief specifications and data on the built-in gasoline engine.

This literature may be obtained from the company, or by using the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 943.

Pioneer Builds Jaeger BP-5

Pioneer Engineering Works, Minneapolis, Minn., subsidiary of Poor & Co., Chicago, Ill., has purchased from Jaeger Machine Co., Columbus, Ohio, the exclusive right to manufacture Jaeger's Model BP-5 bituminous paver. Pioneer will build the new equipment in its Minneapolis plant and distribute it through Pioneer distributors. Addition of the paver rounds out Pioneer's line of bituminous equipment, which includes aggregate feeders, dryers, gradation units, mixers, and dust collectors. The Jaeger deal is the second major change in the company's operations since Pioneer was purchased by Poor & Co. in 1950. The first was acquisition of the Rotary Snow Plow Co., Minneapolis, in June, 1950.

Pioneer also announces the establish ment of an Eastern Sales Office at 94 Clinton Ave., Newark 2, N. J., in conjunction with Kensington Steel Co., Chicago, another subsidiary of Poor & Co. The new sales office will serve the entire northeastern section of the United States, and personnel operating it include: Roger Lewis, Pioneer Mines Plant Representative; Cement and Wilbur Ellis, Kensington Eastern Representative.

Front-End Loader

A front-end loader with 11/4-yard bucket is manufactured by Contractors Machinery Co., Batavia, N. Y. Powered by a 66.5-hp engine, the Model LC-100-B Trojan Loadster loads over the drive wheels to provide greater traction. The drive tires are 18.00 x 21 and the steer tires are 11.00 x 20.

The reverse-curve bucket arms provide access to the large operator's compartment and permit unobstructed vision. Bucket action is independent of hoist speeds and the low load-carrying position increases machine st. The unit weighs 13,700 pounds. machine stability.

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New member of the Trojan Loadster line—the Model LC-100-B. Its bucket capacity is $1\frac{1}{4}$ yards. The unit weighs 13,700 pounds.



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Pair of New Scrapers

A pair of new scrapers for use with the DW10 tractor are announced by Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria 8, Ill. The No. 10 has a capacity of 7 cubic yards struck and 9 cubic yards heaped. For heavier applications where a pusher is more important, there is the No. 15 with a capacity of 10 cubic yards struck and 13 cubic yards heaped. For increased capacity, top extensions may be attached to either scraper where the material does not exceed a weight of 2,800 pounds per cubic yard.

The scrapers are similar in design. Both have a flat double-bottom bowl of high-tensile steel. A blade with re-versible cutting edges is standard equipment. Cable rigging provides

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Heavy-duty applications with the DWIO tractor are jobs for this new Caterpillar No. 15 scraper, which has a heaped capacity of 13 cubic yards.

positive loading and ejection, the company says. The wheels turn on tapered roller bearings, and air brakes are synchronized with the tractor brakes.

The No. 10 totals 15,440 pounds for

shipping and has a maximum carrying capacity of 11.5 tons. The larger model has a shipping weight of 17,850 pounds and a 17-ton maximum carrying

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Electrical Controls

A booklet on electrical controls is issued by Cutler-Hammer, Inc., 12th and St. Paul Sts., Milwaukee 1, Wis. It describes and illustrates the company's line of safety and limit switches, magnetic equipment, and accessories.

This literature may be obtained from

the company, or by using the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 899.



With the addition of a heavy-duty and an explosion-proof model, the Tellevel line of bin-level control switches now includes three models.

Bin-Level Indicators

Two new Tellevel automatic bin-level control switches are announced by Stephens-Adamson Mfg. Co., Aurora, Ill. In addition to the normal-duty Tellevel, heavy-duty and explosionproof units are being manufactured to meet special installation conditions. In all units a rising or falling level of material deflects a pendant float actuating a micro switch.

The explosion-proof unit is designed for operation in hazardous areas where explosive vapors and dust occur. The heavy-duty unit is recommended by the company where lump materials above 3/4 inch are being discharged to bins. It has a sturdy steel housing protecting the switch mechanism and the standard plastic float ball is replaced by a steel cone. A rubber cup at the base of the housing forms a dust and moisture-proof seal to protect the switch mechanism.

Tellevels are shipped ready for installation and require no maintenance. the company says. They are equipped with color-coded pig-tail connections for easy wiring. Units can be hung from pipe conduit for which all hous-ings are tapped, or bolted to bin walls or plates by means of attached brackets.

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Crane-Cab Ventilator

A split-type 3-hp cooler for crane cabs has been developed by Dravo Corp., Air Conditioning & Combustion Dept., Dravo Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. The C-3SP maintains a temperature of 80 to 85 degrees F within a crane cab when the surrounding temperatures reach 130 degrees F. Supplying con-tinuous ventilation, it is equipped with electric strip heaters for winter heating, dust and dirt filters, and activated car-bon canisters for fume and odor removal.

Operation and control are fully automatic. The small, compact evaporator section can be installed within the cab, while the condenser section may be located in any convenient place on the crane. The two sections are connected by refrigerant piping.

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Preventing Welding Hazards

The health hazards encountered in welding operations are outlined in a 30-page booklet offered by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., One Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. The company groups the types of hazards under electric shock and burns, radiant energy, gases, fumes, and dust. Exhaustion of oxygen, awkward postures, and the use of polluted cooling water may also cause injuries. Prevention of these hazards and treatment of possible in-

juries are discussed in detail.

This literature may be obtained from the company, or by using the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 956.



Folder on Lubrication

A folder on lubrication of construc-A folder on horization of construc-tion equipment is available from Gre-dag, Inc., Box 898, Niagara Falls, N. Y. It describes Gredag, a blend of grease and graphite, and recommends the proper grade for each equipment part.

The company points out that the graphite in the grease fills up the pores of metal, leaving a molecular film on the moving parts which eliminates metal-to-metal friction.

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The Speedylectric JC-50, for steam-cleaning heavy-duty equipment. It operates at steam pressures up to 200 psi and rinse- water pressures up to 400 psi.

Steam-Jet Cleaner

A steam-jet cleaner for heavy-duty equipment is announced by Livingstone Engineering Co., 100 Grove St., Worcester 5, Mass. The Speedylectric JC-50 operates at steam pressures up to 200 psi and rinse-water pressures to 400 psi. The built-in Speedylectric boiler Model 600-S3 (Underwriters' Laboratories listed and ASME Code) provides steam for the cleaning operation and rinse-water heating. The absence of smoke stacks, flues, or flames makes the cleaner free from fire hazards; moreover, it has no coils to burn out, or dangerous fuel tanks, and offers no low-water hazard.

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Control-Instrument Merger

Barber-Colman Co., Rockford, Ill., manufacturer of automatic-control instruments, has purchased the principal assets of Wheelco Instruments Co., Chicago, maker of indicating, recording, and controlling instruments, and combustion safeguards. Present plans are to continue current operations in Chicago until manufacturing facilities can be gradually transferred to Rockford The merger will not affect Wheelco's national sales and service organization

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• LAST season the Rhode Island De-partment of Public Works, Division of Roads and Bridges, improved a 4.8-mile stretch of State Route 101, Old Hart-ford Pike, from Route 116 in North Scituate westerly to the intersection of Route 102. Just east of the improve-ment U. S. 6 joins the Old Hartford Pike to become the main approach to Providence from the west. West of the improvement, Route 101 continues to the Connecticut line, part of the most direct highway between the two state capitals—Hartford and Providence. Traffic had been heavy even on the

old pavement, which averaged 18 feet in width and consisted of bituminoussurface-treated gravel built up into a mat 2 to 3 inches thick. The new design with a tar hot-mix surface is 24 feet wide, flanked by 8-foot treated shoul-ders. Besides being rough and narrow, the old pavement was crowned too high for present-day standards. Since the alignment was generally satisfactory, only two changes were made for relocation to reduce horizontal curvature.

Construction got under way in April, 1951, after the Department of Public Works awarded a contract for the re-construction to the M. A. Gammino Construction Co. of Providence, R. I., on its low bid of \$524,557.64. The project was completed in October.

Gradina

After the necessary clearing and grubbing was done, grading started in a ledge cut about 1½ miles from the east end of the job. Unclassified excavation for the job totaled 57,704 cubic yards, while the borrow material, needed to complete the fills, amounted to 52,717 yards according to the esti-mated quantities. Where fresh fill was placed over the old pavement, the latter was first scarified with the teeth of a motor grader to make a better bond. Over 27,000 square yards of old pavement was roughed up in this manner.

Dirt-moving was handled by two Northwest shovels, 2-yard and 1½yard; two Caterpillar D7's and an In-ternational TD-14 tractor-dozer; and a fleet of eight trucks. Roadway hauls were short, but when the gravel foun-dation course got started the length of haul increased, and the number of trucks increased to fifteen. Grading was a routine operation, with the cuts and fills averaging from 6 to 8 feet in height height.

As a foundation for the base course and pavement, gravel was then put down over the entire roadway to a width of 26 feet, or one foot wider than the pavement on each side. The depth averaged between 9 and 12 inches, but in a few locations where muck was removed from the subgrade, the gravel used in the backfill was 2 feet in depth. Approximately 33,000 yards of gravel

were required for this foundation layer. and the material was not easily obtained. A growing scarcity of gravel in this part of Rhode Island caused the contractor to dig in four different pits which were from 1½ to 6½ miles distant from the job site. The shovelloaded trucks end-dumped the gravel on the roadway where it was spread by the dozers, shaped by a pair of Caterpillar motor graders, and compacted by Buffalo-Springfield 10-ton 3-wheel

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Gravel Base Course

Next a crushed-gravel base course was laid 6 inches in depth and to a width of 24 feet. The crushed gravel, with 100 per cent passing the 3-inch screen, came from the contractor's commercial sand and gravel plant at Cranston, a 12-mile haul to the job. It was end-dumped, with the tail gates of the trucks locked at a fixed opening so as to distribute the material evenly in single course. As much as possible the base course was put down full width at a time. Paralleling town roads provided convenient detours through traffic, while local traffic was maintained over the construction.

Motor graders shaped the base course which was then compacted by the 10ton 3-wheel rollers. During the rolling operations, a Buckeye spreader laid a thin layer of sand over the gravel base. Brooms at the back of the rollers swept the sand into the interstices of the material, which resulted in a tightly knit sand-filled gravel base course. The base was then primed, half width

at a time, with RT-2 tar applied at the rate of 0.5 gallon to the square yard at a temperature between 125 and 130 degrees F. Bitumen was both supplied and applied by the Tar Products Division of Koppers Co., Inc., with a plant in East Providence. The prime was applied in two 12-foot strips to cover the area beneath the pavement. A light coat of sand was spread on by hand from trucks so that the bitumen would not pick up under local traffic. Priming was done 5 to 10 days in advance of paving.

Bituminous-Concrete Payement

Over the base course went Class I-3 bituminous concrete—a tar hot-mix, Tarmac RT-12, laid in two courses. The lower or binder course was 11/2 inches thick after compaction, while the top or surface course was 11/4 inches following the rolling. The binder was a mix of sand, gravel, and RT-12 tar, while the surface course consisted of sand. crushed stone, and RT-12 tar. Crushed stone was specified for the top course in order to increase the wearing qualities of the pavement.

M. A. Gammino Construction Co mixed the materials in its commercial 21/2-ton Simplicity pugmill plant on Ernest Street in Providence, a 20-mile haul to the project. All aggregate came the contractor's own plantsgravel from Cranston, crushed stone from the Lincoln Trap Rock Quarry at Lincoln, and sand from the Phoenix Avenue plant in Providence. Enough fines were blended into the sand so that no lime dust was required. Koppers tar

was used for the bitumen.

The Materials Laboratory of the Department of Public Works set up the following job formulas:

Material	Per Cent
Binder Course	
11/4-56-inch gravel 54-No. 10 gravel 36-No. 10 gravel Sand RT-12 tar	23.60 35.25 17.55 19.00 4.60
Total	100.00
Top Course	
14-14 inch crushed stone 14-No. 10 crushed stone Sand RT-2 tar	10.00 39.75 43.35 6.90
77-4-1	100.00

Laying the Hot-Mix

From the plant a fleet of 12 trucks, chiefly company-owned with a few hired, hauled the hot-mix to the job. The trucks carried 10 tons of material - four 2½-ton batches - which was covered with tarpaulins to retain the heat. As it was laid the temperature of the mix was around 180 to 200 degrees F. An Adnun Black Top Paver laid the



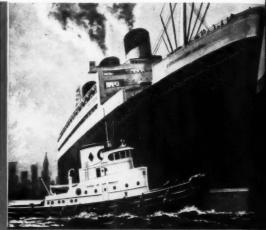
The paver is followed by a Buffalo-Springfield 10-ton tandem roller, which compacts the hot-mix.

bituminous concrete in 12-foot lanes which were compacted by a Buffalo-Springfield 10-ton tandem roller. The next day any remaining irregularities in the course were removed with additional rolling, this time by the 10-ton

3-wheel roller. The 3-wheeler was not used the first day, to prevent the pos-(Concluded on next page)

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sibility of ruts developing. In general, the paving progressed from the east to the west end of the job, first the binder and then the top course. The usual procedure was to have the Adnun put down a 12-foot lane, or half the width in the morning, and then lay the adjoining lane in the afternoon. Thus at the end of each day the full width was squared off and completed for that section.

An average of 500 tons of hot-mix was laid in a 12-hour day with the single machine. Maximum production was reached when 779½ tons of material were put down as binder on September 19. This tonnage accounted for 3,600 linear feet of binder course, 24 feet in width.

When the paving was completed, the 8-foot gravel shoulders were treated with a shot of RT-2 tar applied at the rate of 0.75 gallon to the square yard.

After a 10-day lapse the shoulders
were sealed with MC-3 asphalt, 0.25 gallon to the square yard, and covered with a light coat of sand.



Frank Gammino (right), of the M. A. Gammino Construction Co., with Paving Poreman Salvatore DeCataldo.

Quantities and Personnel Major items in the 4.8-mile road

contract included the following:

Borrow—fill Gravel foundation Crushed-gravel base course Sand filler Bituminous concrete RT-2 prime coat Bitumen for shoulders

Including truck drivers, the M. A. Gammino Construction Co. employed an average force of 65 on the project under the direction of Superintendents John Delehanty and John Giordano; Salvatore DeCataldo was Paving Fore-

For the Rhode Island Department of Public Works, Division of Roads and Bridges, Al W. Durfee was Resident Engineer, assisted by Arthur Ginger-ella and P. A. Gentile, Inspectors. The Department is headed by Philip S. Mancini, Director. George H. Hender-son is Principal Highway Engineer, and Lee V. Spencer is Road Construction Engineer.



The Syntron Model 3000 diesel pile

Diesel Pile Hammer

A new-model self-contained diesel pile hammer is announced by Syntron Co., 227 Lexington Ave., Homer City. Pa. The No. 3000 DPH operates at 110 blows per minute and its 1,200-pound ram delivers 3,000 foot-pounds per stroke. It is 9 feet long, 18 inches wide, weighs 3,000 pounds, and fits in 1816-jinch leads.

18½-inch leads.

The force of each blow, from non-impact idling to full power, is remotely controlled by the operator through a hydraulic system. The hammer can be handled by a gasoline or diesel-enginedriven crane or furnished complete with rig, leads, and hoisting engine, to drive sheet steel, timber, or concrete piling.

Further information may be secured from the company. Or use the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 902.

Bulletins on Truck Models

Bulletins on two heavy-duty truck models are available from Four Wheel Drive Auto Co., Clintonville, Wis. They cover the SU and HAY units which feature full-floating axle, large safety cab, five-speed transmission, and optional power takeoff and two-speed auxiliary transmission.

The 6-cylinder HAY has a GVW of 28,000 pounds, develops 126 brake hp, and has a 150-inch wheelbase. The smaller SU with a 144-inch wheelbase has a GVW of 22,000 pounds and develops 125 hp.

This literature may be obtained from the company, or by using the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 911.

Line of Surveying Equipment

A 42-page bulletin on the complete M 42-page bulletin on the complete White line of surveying equipment is available from David White Co., 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee 12, Wis. It illustrates and gives specifications on transits, levels, combination instruments, alidades, tapes, and general surveving accessories.

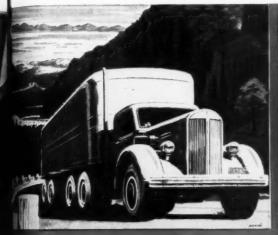
It shows a complete cross section of a transit and lists all parts. It also includes a section on the advantages of coated lenses.

This literature may be obtained from the company by requesting Bulletin No. 1052, or by using the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 909.

Huber Promotes Gillette

F. W. Gillette is District Manager in six eastern states for Huber Mfg. Co., Marion, Ohio, manufacturer of road machinery. Mr. Gillette's territory includes the states of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, eastern Penn-sylvania, and the District of Columbia, and he makes his headquarters in Washington, D. C.

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Scrap Recovery Good But It Must Continue

The American Association of State Highway Officials gives credit where credit is due in the report its Scrap Recovery Subcommittee put out at the end of February; highway departments, contractors, and equipment dealers of 37 states receive praise for their efforts. The subcommittee (to whose Highway Scrap Metal Recovery Drive we re-ferred in the March issue of C & E Monthly, pg. 4) announces that during January its monthly ferrous-scrap recovery was increased to 23,282 tons. Of this amount 18,550 tons was through direct efforts and 4.732 attributable to indirect efforts. Some 325 tons of nonferrous scrap was also reported recovered during this period. For direct ferrous recovery, New York was first with 5,485 tons; Pennsylvania second 2,850 tons; Florida third with with 1,102 tons; and Georgia fourth with 1.013 tons.

This is good, but the work must go The AASHO subcommittee particularly urges participants to be on the lookout for dormant scrap visible from the highway, and to report it. In one respect, however-that of obsolete autos-the situation has changed since the scrap drive began. Auto wreckers are now under NPA jurisdiction, the NPA has information on the principal auto graveyards, and this source of scrap is now moving smoothly into consuming channels; so, unless specially requested, there is no need to continue reporting on auto scrap. On the other hand, NPA field offices will welcome all the information they can get on abandoned quarrying and mining machinery, abandoned oil derricks, discarded farming equipment, etc.

Equipment dealers are important in the direct-recovery side of scrap salvage. As an instance of this, the sub-committee's report mentions a dealer who called at the Washington office of the Bureau of Public Roads on another matter. The conversation turned on steel scrap, and the dealer said he had helped out in the scrap drive by furnishing trucks to haul collections. His firm is shipping about two carloads of scrap a month and he offered to furnish a monthly report to his State highway department on the shipments. Equipment dealers often make the final disposition of worn-out and obsolete highway equipment. Another point brought out in the subcommittee's report is that applicants who request priority assistance in the purchase of new equipment are often in a position to help out in the scrap drive.

Highlights on individual state activities reveal: a combination of various state and county departments and associations can bring excellent results both in recovery and reporting; a re-

quest to various bodies for monthly scrap-recovery reports is helpful; abandoned streetear rails and bridges make a fruitful source of supply; in one state, highway police report on scrap found on their beats; in another all state district engineers assign a man to locate highway scrap metal; maintenance schools are becoming scrapconscious; a dealer in one state salvaged an oil derrick for scrap.

These are just some results. The AASHO subcommittee, is offering congratulations to 37 states, hopes the remainder will organize schemes and participate too in the Highway Scrap Metal Recovery Drive. At least 38,000,000 tons of scrap will be needed for 1952 steel production. What about it?

Universal Concrete Handles Flexicore Slabs in Florida

Universal Concrete Pipe Co., Columbus, Ohio, has become a licensee of The Flexicore Co., Dayton, Ohio, to handle manufacture and sales of Flexicore prestressed-concrete slabs in Florida. The slabs will be produced at the firm's Hooker's Point plant near Tampa, and Robert H. Gates will have charge of Florida Flexicore sales.

Production of the Flexicore longspan slabs is already under way at Hooker's Point. The slabs are used for modern roofing and flooring, their hollow cores being well suited for plumbing and wiring installations, the company says.



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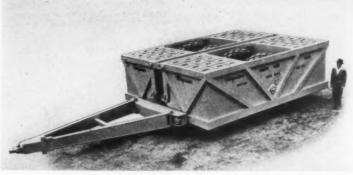
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New 200-Ton Roller

A 200-ton rubber-tire roller for use on fills of runways where heavy planes are to operate is announced by Shovel Supply Co., 4900 Hines Blvd., Dallas 1, Texas. It is built in two halves, each half having two tires and oscillating independently, thus following the undulation of the fill.

The unit rolls on 4 (30 x 33, 60-ply, 150-psi) Goodyear tires, each designed to carry a load of 100,000 pounds. Specially built wheels are equipped with tapered roller bearings and grease seals. Wheel assemblies may be removed through the top of the roller frame for tire repairs. The rear of the roller has an extra tongue so that propelling trac-



Empty, this rubber-tire compactor weighs 77,000 pounds; ballasted it weighs 400,000. Shovel Supply Co. designed it specially for runways taking heavy planes.

tors may be used both front and rear if necessary.

At the rear of the roller is a 15-hp 4-cylinder gasoline engine driving a hydraulic pump which supplies 5,000 psi for a 10-inch hydraulic cylinder. A piston is provided with various-size pads or feet to test the bearing capacity of fill. Also furnished is a special bridge with a fulcrum arrangement acting directly on a special micrometer indicator gage which records vertical displacement.

Empty, the roller weighs 77,000 pounds. Cast-iron ballast blocks weighing 2,500 pounds each, equipped with lifting loops, and made to fit ballast compartments closely, give a ballast weight of 323,000 pounds and a total weight of 400,000 pounds.

Further information may be secured from the company. Or use the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 856.

Heavy-Duty Engines

Three new heavy-duty industrial engines are being produced by Ford Motor Co., 3000 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Mich. Equipped with overhead valves, the Ford 317 and 279 are V-8's with horsepowers of 140 and 125. The 6-cylinder 215 has a 93 rated hp.

These high-compression short-stroke engines are said to deliver more horsepower per cubic inch of displacement and improve fuel economy. Cylinders are cast of high-grade iron and the valves are high-chrome nickel alloy.

All engines have heavy-duty replaceable thin-shell copper-leaded bearings. The oil system has a full-flow filter with a renewable element that cleans engine oil and reduces ring wear. The full-length water jackets which surround each cylinder are said to simplify cooling and provide better temperature control.

All six Ford industrial engines are available either as engine assemblies or as complete power units. Also available is a new torque converter designed to absorb shock overloads, prevent stalling under excess loads, and start bigger loads faster.

Further information may be secured from the company. Or use the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 881.

Catalog on Chain Saws

An informative 70-page catalog, covering over 26 models of chain saws, is offered by Mall Tool Co., 7740 S. Chicago Ave., Chicago 19, Ill. It includes specifications and descriptions of the complete Mall line of one and two-man-operated gasoline-engine chain saws; electric chain saws for operation off standard and high-cycle currents or portable generators; pneumatic chain saws for timber cutting and trimming, etc.; and cutting attachments and maintenance equipment for chain saws.

A preliminary section of the catalog is devoted to detailed and useful information on choosing, operating, and caring for chain saws. Then come the sections devoted to specific kinds and models of chain saws, with plenty of on-the-job illustrations, tables, and diagrams. The catalog also tabulates the contents of logs in board feet according to the Doyle, International, and Scribner Decimal C log rules.

This literature may be obtained from the company by requesting Catalog No. 30, or by using the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 998.

Acrow Appoints Rasmussen

Robert C. Rasmussen is newly appointed Sales Manager for the Chicago Division of Acrow, Inc., Chicago, Ill., manufacturer of shores. Mr. Rasmussen's territory covers Illinois, Michigan (except Detroit), Indiana, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.



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Reservoir Cleared For Bull Shoals Dam

Eight crews have been clearing the reservoir site for Bull Shoals Dam, north of Little Rock, Ark. Schultz Construction Co. and Winters Construction Co. are the two prime con-tractors, and subcontractors provide some of the crews

One crew employs 150 men and six International tractors—three TD-18A's, a TD-18, a TD-14A, and a TD-9. The tractors each clear an average of 10 acres a day, and sometimes twice as much as this on level land. On steep mountainsides where the tractors can scarcely climb, the acreage cleared per day is proportionately less. All big trees are cut down by 15 power-saw crews three men each. These are followed by the tractors with Bucyrus-Erie and Isaacson dozers which push down the smaller trees-a job which sometimes involves the tractors in backward or sideways trips up the mountainsides as



An International TD-14A with Bucyrus-Erie dozer pushes down a on the clearing job at Bull Shoals Lake. small group of trees



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Bull Shoals Dam—a \$78,000,000 hydroelectric and flood-control project —is one of eight proposed for the White River Basin and is being built by Ozark Dam Contractors, an organization com-posed of several contracting firms. The reservoir will have a 5,400,000-acre-foot capacity.

AGC Safety Awards Increase

The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., noted an encouraging rise in safety consciousness when it made its annual awards for on-the-job safety records at its 33rd Annual Convention last February. The number of awards for 1951 totaled 120 as against 88 in 1950.

H. B. Alexander, Harrisburg, Pa., Chairman of the Accident Prevention Committee, said that 25 per cent more construction firms reported their safety records in 1951 than in the previous year, and he believed that even more would push for good safety records as they realized the tremendous losses an accident can cause both the worker and the employer. Harry J. Kirk, Washington, D. C., the Association's Accident Prevention Director, remarked that the construction industry-once branded as one of the most dangerous-has been making encouraging strides in the last few years. The severity rate in 1951 dropped substantially in those firms participating in the AGC program from 78 days lost per lost-time accident in 1950 to 65 days in 1951, a 13-day reduction

The following six chapters of the AGC had the highest percentage of their members reporting participation in the accident-prevention program: Milwaukee Chapter; Dallas Chapter; Ohio Highway Chapter; Pennsylvania Builders Chapter; Michigan Road Builders' Association; and Detroit Chapter.

The best 10-year records in safety were awarded as follows: In the Building Division—H. B. Alexander & Son, Inc., Harrisburg, Pa.; Martin L. Bauer Construction Co., Middletown, Ohio; and Woermann Construction Co., St. Louis, Mo. In the Heavy Construction Division-Maxon Construction Co., Inc., Dayton, Ohio; The Holmes Construction Co., Inc., Wooster, Ohio; and Dravo

Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Thirteen AGC firms were honored for having the best five-year records, and 78 firms were cited as having posted no lost-time-accident reports.

Blaw-Knox Promotes Levison

Arthur A. Levison is Vice President and General Sales Manager of the Pittsburgh Blaw-Knox Division of Blaw-Knox Co., Blawnox, Pa., manufacturer of road and other construction machinery. Mr. Levison was, until his new appointment, Division Vice President in Charge of the Construction Equipment Department.

Another appointment in the Division is that of H. Russell Loxterman, who is Assistant General Sales Manager. He will also continue as Manager of the Steel Plant Equipment Department.



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Prestressed-Concrete Proceedings Available

Complete proceedings of the First U.S. Conference on Prestressed Concrete, held at M. I. T., August 14-16, 1951, are now available. All the papers are published in their entirety, with accompanying photos, drawings, and charts, in the 256-page booklet. They over all phases of prestressed-concrete work: design, testing, fabrication, production control, materials, field placement, labor, patents, codes, and research. They also give detailed descriptions of bridge, building, pipe, tank, pile, and pavement construction. Since the booklet chronicles the development of a material that may well

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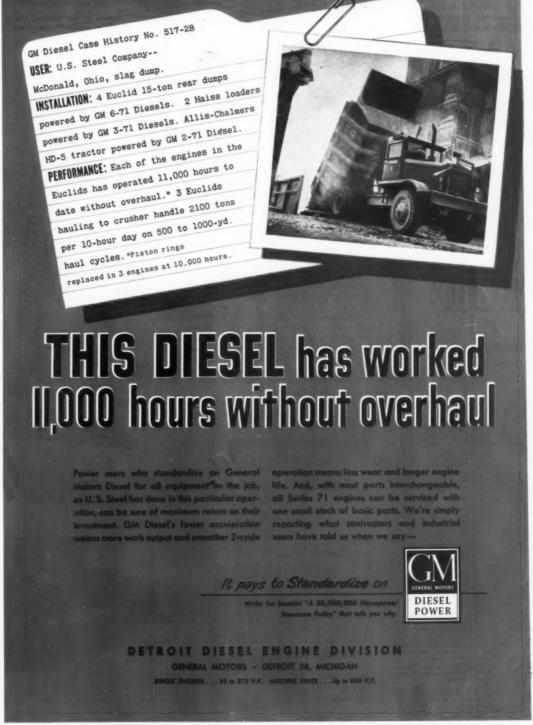
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Sewage Plant Built For City of Tacoma

Contractor Rushes Big Job to Correct Serious Pollution of the Puyallup River and Commencement Bay

By RAYMOND P. DAY

• THE City of Tacoma, Wash., has never until now had a sewage-treatment plant, for the simple reason that ewage has always been dumped into the Puyallup River or Commencement Bay. The pollution resulting from this practice did not become particu-larly obnoxious until about the time of World War II. Then an engineering study was made and Tacoma's first sewage-treatment plant is the result.

A \$1,300,000 installation, it is situated

just over the River Street Bridge in ow tidelands near the banks of Puyallup River. Hoagland-Findlay Engineering Co. of Seattle had the construction contract with the Department of Public Works of the City of Tacoma. All told, the City expended some \$3,000,000 for the sewage plant and various trunk

Background and Design

At the close of World War II, when the engineering study was made, the sewage-disposal problem was twofold. First, several long and expensive trunk sewers were required to serve outlying areas in which sewers were not available. Secondly, pollution in Commence-ment Bay had reached the point where it could no longer be ignored.

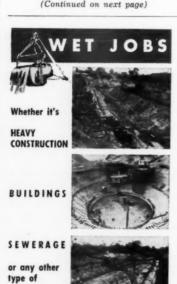
The design and construction of the trunk lines was undertaken first. While this work was in progress, long and exhaustive studies were made to deter-mine what type of sewage disposal would be best and most economical.

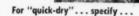
Commencement Bay is one of the many indentations in the shoreline of Puget Sound. It is nearly 2 miles wide and about 3 miles long, with the Puyallup River discharging into the upper end. Tacoma is located principally along one side of and back of the bay. Considerably more than half the sewage of the city has always been discharged either into the river or into the dead water at the upper end of the bay. The remaining portion has been discharged through several trunks along the outer

shoreline of the bay.
Engineering studies showed that if
the outer-shoreline trunks were extended to a point of discharge 40 feet below MLLW, the currents would be sufficient to carry the sewage out into the channel. Expensive treatment could thus be avoided for some time, although probably not indefinitely.

The sewage discharging into the head

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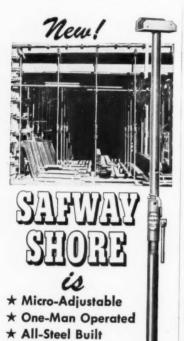
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end of the bay, however, had virtually no chance of reaching the outer channel because of the lack of sufficient curnts. This sewage, representing about half the total volume, either had to be treated or piped out toward the end of the bay. Because of the length of line and the volume of sewage involved, such a project would have cost more than a treatment plant. In addition, it would have had only a temporary value. The obvious conclusion was that a primary treatment plant was necessary

The current population to be served by the plant is about 70,000. Preliminary calculations indicated a 10-mgd plant. But weir measurements of one of the largest trunks leading to the plant showed an alarming infiltration of underground streams and drainage water into the line. As a result, it became necessary to design a plant with a capacity of 27 mgd.

Intercepting sewers were, of course, indicated, to pick up the sewage at each existing outlet and convey it to the plant site. During times of high storm runoff, all the sewers combined will carry many times the dry-weather flow for which the plant is designed. At the junction of each trunk with the interceptors, overflow structures had to be provided to permit a given amount of sewage to flow into the plant while the rest is discharged into the bay.

It can thus be seen that the plant had to be designed for about three times the normal volume of sewage, but it also followed that the sewage would be proportionately weak. Normal domestic sewage usually carries a BOD load of about 300 ppm, and the same for sus-pended solids. Tacoma's sewage will carry a BOD and suspended-solids load of something under 100 ppm.

The treatment plant is on the shore

of the river about a mile upstream from its mouth. The effluent will be dis-charged into the river and carried out into the bay. A reasonably high degree of solids removal is planned. The effluent should have a BOD and suspendedsolids load less than the river water

Design work was handled both by the Tacoma Department of Public Works and by the San Francisco consulting firm of Clyde C. Kennedy. In addition, Mr. Kennedy was retained as a consultant on the entire project.

The plant proper consists of a pumping station, Parshall flume, grit-removal mechanism, sedimentation tanks, chlorine diffuser, digesters, elutriation tanks, and vacuum filters. The filtered sludge cake will be removed from the premises as it is produced.

The pumping plant is under the same

roof as the administration building, which houses the office, laboratory, chlorine-storage room, lunch room, etc. Among other features, a gas-detection device installed in the incoming sewer not only sounds an alarm but sets in motion a supplementary blower in the wet well of the pumping station in the event that any obnoxious gases come down the sewer. The pumping station is equipped with one unit of each of the following capacities: 4,000; 8,000; 10,000; and 12,000-gpm. These are connected to cut in and out automatically as required. Even the order of rotation will be automatically changed at proper intervals to make sure the pumps get



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The rectangular sedimentation tanks are 75 feet wide and 185 feet long. They are equipped with pre-aeration units,

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Job Starts in January

Work started near the first of the year in 1951, at a time when weather and the water table were at their worst. Clearing, excavation, and pile driving for the various structures began almost simultaneously. Each building in the plant rests on a wood-pile foundation. All told, there were some 61,000 linear feet of piles in the project.

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Sewage Plant Built For City of Tacoma

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Hart Construction Co. of Tacoma did the pile driving under a subcontract. A small skid rig moved in. It carried a set of steel leads and a Vulcan steam pile hammer. Working from wooden cribbing, this machine accounted for all the driving.

Simultaneously, crews of Hoagland-Findlay were busy whipping a bad ground-water problem. Some of the building foundations went down to a point 2 feet under MLW sea-level elevation, and ground water started at elevation plus 18. Two strings of Stang wellpoints were installed and connected to 10-inch header pipe, and two Stang vacuum pumps went to work. The water went down about 10 feet, and the tight ground caused the points to choke up. then driven at the Fir 2 x 12's were excavation toe in the deep buildings, and about 3 feet of coarse rock was placed to act as a filter. A Jaeger 6-inch pump was installed, leaving the well-points and pump in place. This handled the water, and draglines could then muck out the holes.

Excavation was done by two Northwest draglines, with occasional help from two Link-Belt Speeder machines. The ground was composed of fine alluvial silt deposited by the Puyallup River, and in many places there were pockets of soft ooze to be removed. A homemade bailing bucket 3 feet square and 6 feet deep was rigged to take care of this material. In one case it became necessary to do some triple casting to get the excavated material out of the hole and over to a spoil area.

Forming and Concrete

All forms were prefabbed in panels by carpenters in a central headquarters yard on the site. The completed panels were then trucked over to the structures, set in place by a Lorain Moto-Crane, and fitted together. Plyglazed plywood facing was used for all exposed concrete, and 1 x 8-inch fir shiplap was used on unexposed surfaces which were to be covered by backfill

In the central vard were 2 Comet power saws, a Wallace band saw, and numerous Porter-Cable Speedmatic hand saws. The panels consisted of facing, 2 x 4 studs, and doubled 2 x 4 wales. Burke form ties held the faces in position.

Placing was a relatively simple operation, but it caused General Superintendent N. H. Daniels plenty of concern at the start, during the wet spring months. In the first placing month, Daniels accounted for only 800 cubic yards, but production rose during the next

two months to over 5,600 cubic yards. George Scofield Co. of Tacoma had the materials contract for the concrete, which was delivered to the job in truck mixers and either unloaded direct to the pours or transferred by one of the Northwest or Lorain machines. A 1-yard Gar-Bro bucket was used in such cases. Mall gasoline vibrators consolidated the mix, and water sprinkling was used as a concrete cure.

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They were applied in the same way as barrel staves, and after the stress was established, a 3-inch coat of mortar was pneumatically applied. When the digesters are in use, they will have an

effective side-water depth of 22 feet. By December 15, 1951, Hoagland's men had the new plant ready for operation, well ahead of schedule.

Directing the over-all project for the City of Tacoma is Jack Roberts, Commissioner of Public Works, with C. S. Seabrook as Sewer Superintendent and Lou Fox as Designing Engineer. Clyde C. Kennedy of San Francisco is active in a personal consulting capacity.

For the Hoagland-Findlay organization, N. H. Daniels was General Super-intendent, assisted by Jim Hoagland. Red Harris was Project Engineer, Chet Daniels was Carpenter Foreman, and Frank Clark was Labor Foreman.

Completion of the new treatment plant assures Tacoma of at least a primary facility which will go a long way

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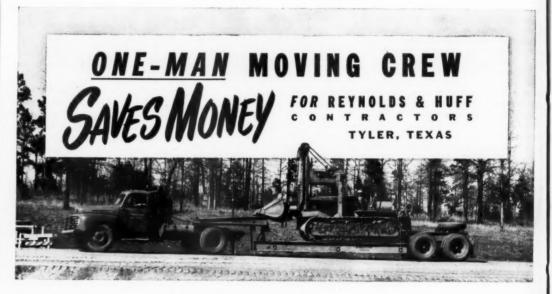
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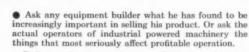
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Iowa Counties Seek Answer To Shortage of Aggregates

County and Contract Forces Use Plant and Road-Mix Methods To Stabilize Soil-Aggregate Bases and Surfaces

• THE steel crisis is foremost in the minds of most highway department men today-tomorrow, though, it may well be the shortage of adequate supplies of road-building materials. Depletion of mineral resources is a nation-wide problem and the highway departments are no less vulnerable to this malady than the steel, copper, aluminum, or other industries, all of which depend upon the earth's bounty for the resources with which they build. It is an entirely valid statement that at present the problem is faced only in small geographic areas—and with aggregate de-posits—and is experienced for the most part only by county road departments, which yearly county road departments, which yearly consume thousands of tons of gravel and stone to maintain their secondary road systems. But the prob-lem grows. Each yard of gravel scooped from a river bank, each ton of stone quarried from a hillside is forever lost to future use. Many counties now find aggregate supplies entirely depleted within their boundaries—this in barely 25 years of road building. What, then, will the next 25 bring? Certainly not an increase in the total available

There are of course many answers to the problem, but apathy is not one of It is important that all highway engineers and road-building contractors tackle the problem earnestly. Barring some unique find in the way of new materials, or some revolutionary method of getting supplies from the depths of the earth, the basic solution lies in conservation of present supplies.

For this reason, the work recently undertaken jointly by Iowa's county road departments and the Iowa State Highway Commission merits further study. Iowa's experimental program in soil stabilization seems to offer a promising method of conserving aggregate supplies—those that already lie on the road and those still unused in bor-

row pits and quarries.

L. M. Clauson, of the Iowa State
Highway Commission, outlined developments along these lines at the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the American Road Builders' Association, in Houston, Texas, last January. Well aware of the cause of the problem and, as the Com-mission's Director of Secondary Road Surfacing Problems, well informed on the current trial solutions, he gave a detailed description of the program under way in Iowa.

Iowa a Case Study

Iowa requires nearly 79,000 miles of all-weather secondary roads to serve its rural population of 1,400,000. The inadequacy of the soil as a road-building material and the depletion of gravel and limestone deposits in many areas aggravate the problem of providing and maintaining good roads. With the arrival of the automobile on the agricultural scene, road-surfacing practice progressed from limited use of planks and waterbound macadam to the rather liberal use of bank-run gravel and crushed stone. The tremendous demand for improved roads in more recent years has rapidly depleted the known deposits of these materials in Iowa. The surfacing problem now consists in providing good highways at reasonable and justifiable costs for each farm

production unit in the state. The solution must inevitably be based upon the most economical use of locally available materials, not only for initial construction, but also for future maintenance needs.

The situation in Iowa's 99 counties can be classified in three general categories: counties that do not have, and have never had, adequate supplies; counties that do have sufficient supplies at present; and counties that have gravel or limestone resources, but whose known supplies are now rapidly approaching exhaustion. Inere are few remarks one can make about those counties in the first group; they just second group may or may not be facing a critical problem—that of moving into the third category. The peril of the counties in the third group is imminent. A reasonable solution to the problem is

necessary if they are to maintain the present road system in usable condition and improve it with added mileage an better surfaces.

Various counties in Iowa have under taken experimental programs, with th assistance of the State Highway Commission, in an attempt to solve the problem. The current program include the stabilization of subgrades, base and wearing surfaces by the addition of granular aggregates, soil binder calcium chloride, portland cement, an bituminous materials. The variety o treatments is due in part to the wide variety of soil types encountered, and in part to the uneven distribution granular-material deposits suitable for highway use. Though road-building

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3, base contractors have performed most of the work, county forces have been used on occasion. Plant and road-mix methods have proved equally successful. Here, then, are some of the jobs in detail.

Asphaltic-Concrete Bases

Where increasel traffic volumes have required improved roads, many counties have tried roads consisting of a machine-mixed cold-laid asphalticconcrete base with a bituminous surface treatment, built at a cost of approxi-mately \$4,500 per inch of thickness per mile for a 22-foot width. The thickness of the bases has varied from 3 to 5 inches, depending on subgrade and traffic conditions. The 3-inch bases traffic conditions. The 3-inch bases generally overlie a 4-inch calciumchloride-stabilized surfacing

structed the previous year. The 4-inch bases were built in counties where granular material has been added to the upper portion of the subgrade to pro-duce a Proctor density of 2.00 or more. The 5-inch bases were necessary where plastic soils predominated in the subgrade.

The bituminous material used in the asphaltic-concrete mixture was either an MC-4 cutback or an SS-1 emulsion, at the option of the contractor. Design mix was 4.5 net pounds of asphalt per 100 pounds of aggregate. A singlecourse bituminous surface treatment consisting of 0.25 gallon of MC-4 and 25 pounds of 1/4-inch cover aggregate was applied to each square yard of The counties paid on the basis of the computed net tonnage of aggregate and asphalt produced and laid. Variation from the theoretical quantities was paid on a gallonage basis.

On a job in Black Hawk County, the

contractor scarified the existing roadbed to a 6-inch depth, mixed the material, and windrowed it on the center line of the road. Sheepsfoot rollers compacted the subgrade as graders bladed the material out to each side. watering and rolling with oscillatingwheel rollers gave the subgrade a com-paction of 95 per cent of Proctor. The priming coat was an MC-0 applied at the rate of 0.2 gallon per square yard out to a 26-foot width. Dump trucks delivered the plant-mixed base to a bituminous finisher with vibrating screed. It placed the two 24 and 22foot-wide 21/2-inch-thick courses one

lane at a time. After compaction by the rubber-tire and flat steel rollers, the crews shot the surface with 0.2 gallon of MC-5 and covered it with 20 pounds of 1/2-inch stone to the yard.

A contractor in Lyons County placed the same type of base in two 2½-inch lifts using road-mix methods. He hauled his pit-run gravel out to the road, spread it on the primed subgrade, worked it with graders and spring-tooth harrows, and then windrowed it down the center line. Limestone dust was deposited on the windrow at intervals necessary to meet the spex. A tractor-drawn road mixer processed the dry material with MC-4 binder, then graders swept the mix back and forth a few times to reduce the moisture content, prior to rolling by rubber-tire compactors. A dressing down with the blade and finishing with steel rollers left a smooth tight surface.

Soil-Aggregates Bases

A mix of 90 per cent gravel and 10 per cent clay has made some good roads in Clay County. Done by contract in 1949, the base stabilization and heavy bituminous surface treatment cost the County just about \$11,000 per mile. The old road surface formed the sub-The old road surface formed the sur-grade for the new—after reprocessing to a depth of 6 inches. The clay and from county pits. The gravel came from county pits. The gravel was crushed to a 1½-inch-maximum size; while the clay was plowed and harrowed, to reduce moisture content, and then pushed through a %-inch screen. Truck drivers dumped alternate loads at proper spacings on the road. Motor graders combined the clay and gravel, folded it up, and windrowed it down the center. A traveling mixer added water and assured a complete mixing. Pneumatictire rollers followed by steel tandems finished off the surface. Top treatment was two layers of ¾-inch gravel (30 pounds to the yard), broomed, rolled, and shot with 0.3 gallon of MC-5.

Soil-Aggregate Surfaces

An accurately proportioned and thoroughly mixed combination of gravel, binder soil, water, and calcium chloride seems to be one answer to the shortage of aggregate resources. Soil-aggregate surfaces evidence two rewarding features—they conserve aggregates by holding the materials to the surface, thereby preventing loss over the shoulders, and at the same time they provide a tight, smooth riding surface that is easy to maintain. Most counties report reduced use of the patrol grader with this type of surface. The method is a particularly economic means of resur-

facing old roads.

Black Hawk County forces do their own resurfacing. They first scarify and windrow the old surfacing to one side, then, depending on the condition of the subgrade, add 200 to 400 cubic yards of binder soil. The glacial till is avail-able in nearly all parts of the county. Grader-blading the material back and forth and giving it several passes with a pulverizing mixer insures a thorough mix. After a couple of days of traffic compaction, the mixture is spread and shaped. They then add 500 to 800 tons of crushed stone per mile, depending on the roadway width and traffic demands. A surface application of calcium chloride produces a well compacted and smooth-riding surface.

Surface applications of calcium chloride are made at the rate of 4 to 5 tons per mile on an 18-foot width, or about ³/₄ to 1 pound per square yard. The total cost of the chloride, in place, is \$156 to \$190 per mile. The County \$156 to \$190 per mile. The County feels the expenditure well justified. It helps consolidation, reduces gravel losses, cuts down dust, and saves money in patrol maintenance.

Road-Mix Methods

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Aggregate Shortage-**Problem for Counties**

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aggregate surfacing in Clay County is a good example of road-mix methods of placing. Each mile called for 1,500 yards of gravel and from 420 to 600 cubic yards of soil binder, plus 14 tons of anhydrous calcium chloride. The price was \$2,376 per mile, excluding the cost of materials. The County furnished the calcium chloride and paid the royalty on the gravel and binder-soil deposits.

Disks, drags, and a pulverizing mixer worked the binder soil in the pit to prepare it for a 3/4-inch screening. Rains made the job doubly difficult. The processing of wet binder soil is a difficult and expensive problem which still lacks a satisfactory solution. However, vibration of the screen and application of an open flame on the under side helped to keep the openings clear. The gravel was crushed to pass a 3/4 inch screen and windrowed on the side of the road. Grader-blading and six passes by a pulverizing mixer blended the binder soil and gravel and 85 per cent of the calcium chloride required. Ten to twelve trips of a pneumatictire roller—with water added from a calibrated pressure tank to give 80 to 120 per cent Proctor moisture—insured adequate compaction. The remainder of the calcium chloride was placed on the finished road surface.

In Guthrie County, where the total road problems are more difficult than in the ordinary Iowa county, county forces road-mixed the materials for a stabilized wearing surface. They spread the windrowed mixture in three lifts and made a surface application of calcium chloride on each lift in an attempt to obtain a more uniform distribution of the material. The County reports that a very satisfactory surface has been produced at costs within budget possibilities.

Plant-Mix Methods

Two Iowa counties use a chemically treated surfacing material and plantmix it. Montgomery County, for example, contracted a 7-mile project that called for two alternate materials. On one section, 4 miles in length, the aggregate was a Class A crushed stone; on the other a 50-50 combination of local pit-run gravel and limestone dust. Both sections required the addition of 8 pounds of anhydrous calcium chloride and 100 pounds of free water to 1,892 pounds of aggregate to produce one ton of finished mixture. The application was 1,400 tons per mile for both portions of the project.

The specifications required that all the materials be properly proportioned and uniformly mixed. In the case of the mixture using Class A crushed stone, the contractor calibrated the normal delivery of processed stone from the conveyor of the crushing plant against time. Knowing the time re-quired to produce and deliver 1,892 pounds of stone over the loading belt, he added the calcium chloride and water at appropriate feed rates. The calcium chloride, in pellet form, was added to the stone through a hopper built on a platform straddling the conveyor belt. Adjusting the size of the opening at the bottom of the hopper assured a uniformly accurate supply of chemical on the stone as it passed underneath.

It was necessary to empty this hop-per and clean and dry it whenever operations were delayed for any appreciable time. The contractor also obtained better results when he kept to a minimum the exposed surface of calcium chloride in the bin.

Two spraybars, each with four nozzles, added water to the material. One bar directed its spray on top of the material as it left the end of the conveyor belt; the other sprayed under-

neath. The delivery of water was reg ulated and calibrated. A set of metal fingers attached to the end of the conserved to diffuse the wetted material as it fell into the trucks.

In a similar manner the contractor plant-mixed pit-run gravel and lime-stone dust with calcium chloride and water. He required another bin and conveyor, though, to feed the limestone dust to the loading belt which delivered gravel from the processing plant.

On a 42-mile surfacing job in Potta-wattamie County, the contractor proportioned the crushed stone, water, calcium chloride on the conveyor belts and fed the mix into a pugmill.

Check samples taken in each of these counties showed that the finished mixtures were in substantial compliance the respective design mixtures, except that the water content had a tendency to vary rather more than that specified in the contracts.

Both counties found it possible to spread the finished mixtures immedi-

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ately. In Montgomery County the spreading operation was followed by rolling with a flat roller, while in Pottawattamie County the material was allowed to compact under traffic. The latter county acquired a used gasoline transport truck, equipped it with a spraybar, and in periods of dry weather sprinkles the surface of the road immediately in advance of the maintenance calcium-chloride application.

Whether or not the counties can maintain the surfaces in their present excellent condition, with uniform crown and high compaction, is a question that only the future can answer. Pottawattamie County has already contracted for 68 miles of chemically treated surfacing material to be applied this year. The addition of the 8 pounds of anhydrous calcium chloride increases the cost of surfacing materials by approximately 40 cents per ton, or \$560 per mile, but the counties feel it definitely well spent.

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Surface Maintenance

In maintaining stabilized roadway surfaces, Iowa county engineers have found it important and necessary to hold the constructed crown so that surface water moves across the shoulders and into the ditches. Water standing on a roadway will eventually soak through the so-called waterproofed bases and impervious surface courses and may cause a soft spot which is difficult and expensive to correct. Some counties make a practice of obtaining and maintaining a proper crown on their roadways by using templates, both in construction and in maintenance operations. They report very good results.

There seems to be very general agreement that maintenance operations on stabilized surfaces should be confined to the periods when the surface is in a damp condition. Imperfections in the surface can then be corrected by judicious blading, although this operation requires both intelligence and experience on the part of the patrol operator. Attempts to blade the surface in dry weather are futile and likely to be ruinous.

Conclusion

Summarizing the developments in lowa secondary-road soil stabilization, Mr. Clauson pointed out that different types of soil are likely to be encountered in each individual area. When the soil types have been identified, attempts should be made to use them efficiently and economically in construction. The problem does not lie in the standardization of materials or methods of construction; rather, it is one of adapting these materials and methods to local conditions. It is evident that such adaptation involves the study of many variables. Sampling and laboratory testing of the materials proposed for use in stabilized roads in lowa is an important preliminary step. Design mixes for each project are set up on the basis of tests made in the Highway Commission Laboratory at Ames. The projects are then closely followed and samples are taken from the windrow before the mixtures are laid down and compacted. In general the check show substantial agreement between the design mix and the mix as delivered on the road.

Eutectic's Two New Offices

Two more regional sales offices, one in Los Angeles, Calif., and one in Buffalo, N. Y., are the latest item in the expansion program undertaken by Eutectic Welding Alloys Corp., Flushing, N. Y. Robert B. Welch supervises west-coast sales activities in Los Angeles, and Woodrow W. Shackleford heads the new sales regions for Buffalo and upstate New York. The two men bring the total of Eutectic's regional managers up to twenty. The com-

pany's field force comprises about 350 district engineers and distributors' representatives.

Pa. Says No More "Detours"

By order of E. L. Schmidt, Secretary of Highways, Pennsylvania Department of Highways, the word "detour" has been pensioned off, and will no longer appear on the state's highways. "Temporary Route" has taken its place.

Mr. Schmidt thinks that "detour"—
"that much maligned word of French
origin"—is no longer an adequate description of the situation. "In the early
days", he said, "when motorists were
compelled to take long and circuitous
routes around construction projects,
with much of the mileage over un-

paved routes, the word 'detour' was applicable. But now with hard-surfaced roads readily available, 'temporary route' is much more descriptive," as the signs are always removed as quickly as possible. Few of Pennsylvania's "temporary routes" will be over unsurfaced roads and they will seldom take motorists far off their course.

The former "Detour Bulletin", issued monthly during the winter season and each two weeks during the remainder of the year, has changed its title in accordance with Mr. Schmidt's ruling, and now appears as "Construction Bulletin". "Temporary Route" signs will replace the old "Detour" markings as rapidly as the changes can be made throughout the 41,000-mile state highway system.

Mobile Mixer for Patching

A bulletin on a mobile asphalt-mixing unit for road maintenance is available from Hetherington & Berner, Inc., 731 Kentucky Ave., Indianapolis 7, Ind. The Moto-Patcher consists of a 400-gallon bitumen tank, an aggregate hopper, and a mixing chamber.

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The simple maintenance tools and procedures outlined here are those re-commended by Newell Perry, Belting Engineer of Thermoid Co., 400 Whitehead Road, Trenton, N. J.

An adequate repair kit, he says, in-cludes sharp cobbler's knives and a stone to keep them sharp; a supply of emery cloth, rubber cement, innertube patching rubber, rip plates, and standard belt fasteners and accessories, together with rags and gasoline for cleaning. As each belt is installed, rem-nants should be kept, because they will prove useful in subsequent repairs.

To mend long deep cuts which go through to the fabric, Perry recommends that you open the cut, clean out all dirt, and cement the cut closed, allowing the cement to dry thoroughly before restoring the belt to service Where bits of torn cover leave exposed spots with only slight damage to the fabric, remove the loose ears of cover stock by carefully cutting a curved and bevel-edged area around the spot; then sand the edges, apply cement, allow it to dry, apply tire-patching rubber, and finally skive the patch flush with the belt cover.

Where gouges have penetrated the belt, or longitudinal rips have occurred, these points must be cleaned, sanded, cemented, and reinforced with rip plates at 3-inch intervals. Transverse rips require similar treatment with standard belt fasteners instead of rip plates. To repeat: use rip plates on longitudinal rips only, and standard fasteners on transverse rips only.

When holes in the belting do not permit the simple use of rip plates and fasteners, cut out the hole into the smallest possible rectangle with its sides parallel to and at right angles to the belt edges. Then, from belting remnants, cut an exact fit for the hole and insert the piece, fastening it with belt fasteners all around the patch. Cement all edges thoroughly. Where it is necessary to prevent seepage of fines through belt repairs, remove one ply of fabric from a belt remnant and place it under the fasteners and rip plates.

Vulcanized patches are superior to those described above, but require the addition to the kit of a portable vulcanizer, rubberized fabric, tie cover stock, a one-ply knife and fabric pliers. In preparing a vulcanized patch, work down into the damaged belt as far as necessary by removing progressively smaller blocks of fabric with each successive ply. Clean, roughen, cement the cavity, neatly fit in blocks of new fabric, and finally apply the un-cured cover. Skive the edges of the patch flush, and vulcanize. Such patches cannot be made successfully unless the belt is dry, because the presence of moisture will permit the development of internal steam blisters. Only very large users of conveyor belting will find it necessary to vulcanize their own belt patches and splices.

Information on Guardrail

Information on a new type of reinforced-concrete guardrail is available from Hiway Security Guard Corp., Coon Rapids, Iowa. The booklet diabiles traveling up to 60 mph and at an angle of 42 degrees. It shows how the ept-back shape of the rail permitted contact with the tire below the hub cap and deflected the front wheels back into position.

The company says that over 250 such tests were made, in many of which the driver took both hands off the wheel.

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Bolts Support Tunnel Roof

Bolts for supporting roofs in mines discussed in a booklet prepared by Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa. Pictures illustrate and text explains how the bolts are used to strengthen overlying strata by holding steel plates, ties, or channels tight against the roof.

The company points out that this method of support reduces the hazard of roof falls without obstructing space. The bolts are 30 to 96-inch steel rod with 5 inches of rolled thread at one end. Ties, channels, plates, nuts, wedges, and washers are used and can

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The booklet includes stress-strain diagrams of Super-Tens wire and structural details of the strand. The ultimate tensile strength of the galvanized wire is 220,000 psi and of the uncoated wire, 238,000 to 268,000 psi.

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"Highway Statistics, 1950" is the sixth in the Bureau of Public Roads' series presenting annual statistical and analytical tables of general interest concerning highways. A new departure is the inclusion in this bulletin of in-formation on the financing of local streets. Other features of the bulletin are figures on motor-fuel consumption and revenue; motor-vehicle registrarevenue, and traffic characteristics: highway taxation and disposition

of receipts from it: highway finance, including state obligations and con struction-contract awards; mileage of public streets and roads (built by state highway departments, state-adminis-tered, local-road mileage, and mileage summaries); and Federal-Aid expen-

ditures and mileage.
"Highway Statistics, 1950" is for sale "Highway Statistics, 1950" is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at 60 cents a copy. The former bulletins in the series are also available at the following prices: 1949, 55 cents; 1948, 65 cents; 1947, 45 cents; 1946, 50 cents; 1945, 35 cents; summary to 1945, 40 cents.



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Scrapers Released For Commercial Use

Commercial models of the 2C500 Heiliner are now available, according to the Road Machinery Division of The Heil Co., 300 W. Montana Ave., Mil-waukee 1, Wis. During the past year the units have been built exclusively for the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

The 2C500 is equipped with a 13cubic-yard scraper. Features include Heil's Hydro-Steer, unobstructed visibility, and heavy-duty 2-shoe brakes synchronized on both the tractor and the trailing-unit wheels. 165-hp Model HRB600 Cummins diesel engine drives the 500 Heiliner at speeds up to 25 mph.

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Book on Steel Company

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been built exclusively for the Corps of Engineers.

Co., Greensboro, N. C., has issued a book depicting various phases of its operation. The book points up the part the company has played in the recent

change from an agricultural to an industrial economy in the south.

After touching on history, the book swings into a section on equipment and facilities. Large pictures show shops and equipment of both Carolina and Salem Steel, including saws, punches, facers, planers, shears, and brakes. Facilities pictured include storage, template-shop, and engineering.

The first job section features

churches, schools, and hospitals for which the company has furnished steel Next comes a section on grandstands, gymnasiums, and bridges; one on commercial and industrial buildings; one on tanks, vats, and custom-plate work; and one on defense fabrication.

The book contains 76 pages, has a red cover stamped in gold, and measures 9 x 12 inches. It is available in limited supply from the company, or it can be secured by using the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 876.

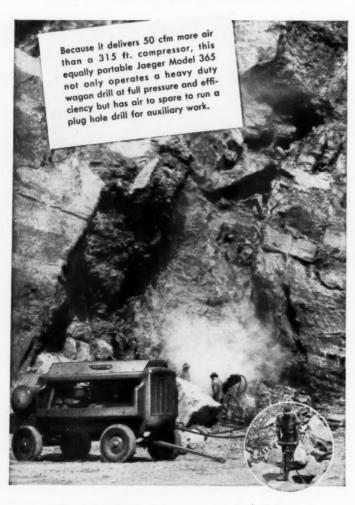
Bulletin on Arc Welding A Steel Highway Bridge

A 32-page bulletin offers a complete study of the structural arc welding of a modern steel deck-girder highway bridge. It is issued by Lincoln Elec-tric Co., P. O. Box 5758, Cleveland 17 Ohio, and was written by Ned L. Ashton, a consulting engineer from Iowa City, Iowa.

The bulletin includes photos of erection procedures on the 5-span twolane bridge, sketches of welded con-nections, and moment and influence line diagrams. Complete costs are also listed.

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Horizontal Rather Than Vertical Construction Is Big Feature; Masonry Structure Accommodates 750 Pupils

• THE new Regional High School for District 4, Middlesex County, Conn., can hold its own with any similar type of building in the country for modern design and construction, as well as choice of location. The ample 50-acre site on Kelsey Hill Road, just off State Route 80 near Deep River, permitted building on a single level in preference to the multistory and costlier construction that is common in more congested areas. Divided into several wings of various shapes and sizes, the building has an over-all length of 323 feet east and west x 252 feet north and south. Off the southeast corner is a separate wing for an auditorium seating 680; it is 83 feet long x 34 feet wide at the stage and 74 feet wide at the rear.

Built to accommodate 750 pupils, with room for future expansion, the Regional High School is centrally located to the three towns—Chester, Deep River, and Essex—which it serves. It will replace inadequate quarters which have been housing three town schools.

Architect Ernest Sibley of West Hartford, Conn., designed the \$1,500,-000 school and its construction contract was awarded to The Associated Construction Co., general contractor and builder of Hartford, Conn. Some work got under way at the site in December, 1950, but because of the unfavorable winter weather the project did not really get started until spring. Progress has been steady since then, and the building is scheduled for completion by this summer.

Considerable Grading

The site is on a hilltop, assuring good drainage, and is surrounded by gently rolling countryside. Part of the area was once an apple orchard, and the soil is a hardpan that furnishes a good foundation. To the west the terrain drops off sharply, so there is as much as a 140-foot difference in elevation be-

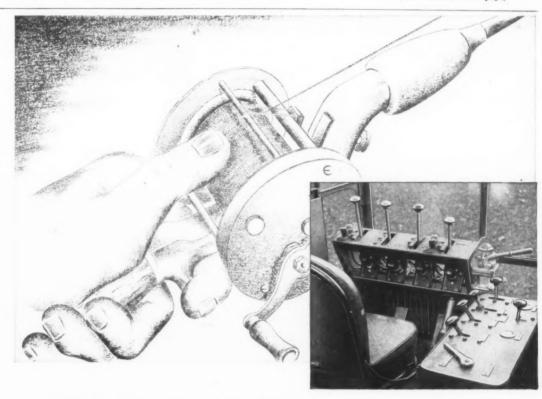
tween the ground at the school and the extreme western edge of the property. Considerable grading was necessary to level the ground for parking and play areas east, north, and west of the school itself

Excavation totaled 100,000 cubic yards, and it all went for fill with not a yard of material wasted. The Deep River Construction Co. of Deep River, Conn., handled the earthwork under a subcontract, using a pair of Bucyrus-Erie 3/4-yard shovels, two tractor-dozers, and a fleet of dump trucks. In



Outside the gymnasium of Connecticut's District 4 Regional High School a Rex Moto-Mixer on a Diamond T truck brings transit-mix concrete for a floor-slab pour.

general, dirt was excavated at the north and east portions of the site for use as fill at the west end. East of the school and adjoining the auditorium is a paved parking field, (Continued on next page)



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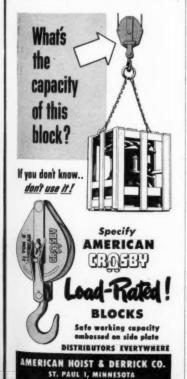
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240 x 235 feet. To the north there are two soft-ball fields, a baseball diamond, and a paved parking and play area measuring 325 x 150 feet. Off to the west, and 35 feet lower than the grade at the building, is the football field, 360 x 160 feet, encircled by a ¼-mile cinder track. Bleachers are built into the slope along the east side, and there are parking fields east and west of the gridiron. North of the athletic field is a large grass play area, 405 x 175 feet.

Sewage from the school drains off into an 18,000-gallon septic tank and dosing chamber just west of the building. This concrete structure, 30 x 10 x 9 feet deep at the center, filters through four diversion outlets into a leaching basin at the bottom of the 30-foot fill on which the athletic field is laid out. Water supply comes from a well driven to a depth of 480 feet and having a capacity in excess of 550 gpm. An underground water-storage tank holds 12,000 gallons.

Foundation

Since the building is on one level, with the exception of the boiler room which goes 10 feet down into the ground, concrete footings under the walls sufficed for the foundation. The soil itself was so hard that even a pick made little impression. Footings are 2 feet wide x 1 foot deep, and they supreinforced-concrete foundation walls varying in height from 41/2 to 7 feet. Most of these walls are 12 inches thick, except for the gymnasium and auditorium portions where 16-inch walls were called for. The walls are stepped in on the outside face 8 inches below the finished grade, and the brickwork begins at this point. Thus no concrete can be seen in the elevations at ground level.

Although there is no basement, there is about ¾ mile of tunnel under the building to accommodate the heating and ventilating systems and the various utilities. In general, they are laid out around the perimeter of the structure, and vary in width from 5 to 12 feet and in height from 3 to 7 feet. Their generous dimensions were designed with future expansion in mind. Foundation walls were usually poured in wooden forms, while Economy steel forms were used for the tunnel work. Where inside tunnel walls took no load, concrete block was permitted in their construction.

Concrete for the project was delivered to the site by the Doyle Concrete Co. in transit-mix trucks from its Westbrook plant 8 miles away. Usually a fleet of four Rex 4 or 5-yard Moto-Mixers on Diamond T trucks supplied the job needs. Footing concrete was designed for a strength of 2,000 psi at 28 days, while the walls and slabs contain 2,500-psi concrete.

Walls and Slabs

Concrete slabs laid on the grade are 4 inches thick, and reinforced at middepth with 6 x 6-inch mesh of No. 4 wire. Other slabs, either suspended or laid over the tunnels, are 6 inches in depth and reinforced. In the gymnasium, 80 feet wide x 102 feet long, the 4-inch floor slab was laid on the grade in 8-foot lanes. The concrete was distributed in Jackson rubber-tired buggies and leveled off with a wooden screed. Joist clips were embedded in the surface of the slab, and when the concrete had hardened, 2 x 3's were nailed to the clips. A 1½-inch maple floor was laid over these sleepers and leveled up with slate shims to give it some spring.

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Across the front end of the gymnasium on a mezzanine level there is a fan room 24 feet wide that required a 6-inch floor of structural concrete.



C. & E. M. Photo Jackson rubber-tired buggies dump the concrete for the 4-inch mesh-reinforced gym floor, laid in 8-foot lanes.

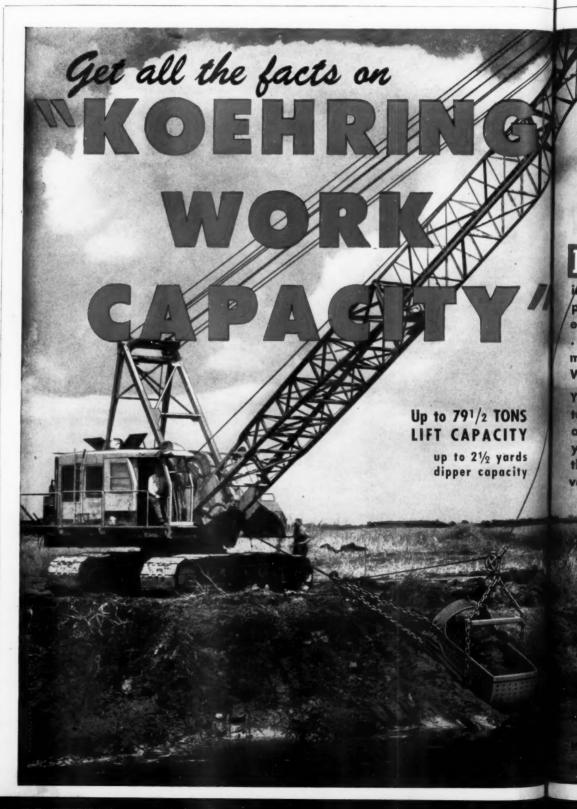
Wooden forms for this slab were supported on Acrow shores, and the concrete was lifted in a bottom-dump bucket handled by a P&H truck crane. Concrete on the project totaled about 3,200 cubic yards, and all wooden forms were built on the job with the help of a DeWalt 12-inch table saw, together with a Skilsaw and Black & Decker portable saws.

Masonry walls are chiefly 12 inches thick—4-inch red common face brick backed by 8-inch cinder block—except in the gymnasium, auditorium, and cafeteria where they are of solid brick, 16 inches thick, in order to support structural members. The Pola Brick Co. of East Windsor Hill, Conn., supplied the 1,100,000 red bricks required, while the 50,000 cinder blocks came from Hartford Concrete Units, Hartford, Conn. The general contractor handled the masonry himself with equipment that included Waco scaffolds, 2 Clipper saws, and 3 mortar mixers—2 Jaegers and a Ransome.

Big Chimney

A king-size chimney, 6 x 17 feet in section and reaching 63 feet above the boiler-room floor, accounted for a good number of bricks. Two hoists were set

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classroom shops. The building is heated by steam from two Pacific oil-burning furnaces, with No. 6 oil supplied from a 10,000-gallon tank located outside

the school. The oil is preheated by steam coils and an electric booster. A smaller 2,000-gallon tank supplies No. 2 oil for a Domestic heater which sup-

plies hot water when the boilers are not running and preheats oil to start the larger boilers.

the interior finish on outside walls, furring is placed against the cin-der block, followed by metal lath and plaster. On interior walls the plaster is laid directly on the cinder blocks. Most of the ceilings consist of acoustical tile on 1 x 3 furring, but acoustical plaster is used in special locations such as the music rooms and library. The latter room is circular in shape with a 45-foot diameter.

Classroom wings are 22 feet 3 inches in width and have parallel corridors 12 feet wide; the length of the wings is divided so that the individual rooms are generally either 32 feet or 28 feet 6 inches x 22 feet 3 inches. An asphalttile floor is laid over the concrete slabs. The two main entrances are on the south side, off Kelsey Hill Road. This elevation also has an outdoor terrace off the cafeteria. From the west side there are two exits and steps leading down to the athletic field. Total floor area in the building is approximately 83,000 square feet.

Steelwork

Supported on the masonry bearing walls of the gymnasium are five welded steel trusses, 82 feet 8 inches long, equally spaced over the 102-foot length. From the finished-floor elevation of 277 there is a 27-foot clearance to the bottom of the trusses. Steel bar joists were laid across the bottom chords, and channel furring was wired to the bot-tom of the joists. The ¾-inch furring on 16-inch centers provides support for %-inch gypsum board. An acoustical tile ceiling, in 2-foot squares, was screwed to the gypsum boards.

Across the other roof spans, steel bar joists were laid out on an average spacing of 24 inches. They were supported either directly on the masonry or on steel beams resting on the walls. Joists were usually 8 inches in depth for the shorter spans in rooms and corridors, or 12 inches for some of the longer spans. Truscon bar joists were supplied and erected respectively by the Fox Steel Co. and the Miller Steel Erection Co., both of New Haven. The Standard Structural Steel Co. of Hartford furnished structural steel and miscellaneous iron.

The steel items totaled 250 tons, and the erection was handled by a truck crane. Bar joists were welded to Ibeams when they were not laid directly on the masonry walls.

Assorted Roofs

Roofing material for the gymnasium, auditorium, and boiler room consists of Porete precast lightweight concrete roof plank. Planks are 2 feet wide x 2¾ inches thick, with tongue-and-groove edging for a tight fit, and are reinforced with galvanized-steel fabric. The joints are sealed with asphalt. Over the flat surfaces of the auditorium and boiler-room roof the planks are cov-

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ered with Barrett 5-ply roofing material. On the pitched surface of the hip-type gymnasium roof, rafters were laid and then covered with Ruberoid Thick Butt 310-pound asphalt shingles.

For the other roofs, precast Porex slabs were laid over the bar joists. The slabs are 1¾ inches thick, 8 feet long, and came in widths of 24 and 32 inches They consist of chemically mineralized wood fiber bound under pressure with portland cement, and weigh about 4 pounds to the square foot. After the Porex was laid, the entire surface was covered with a sand-cement mortar finish, ¼ inch thick. Flat areas were then topped with built-up roofing material. Over areas where an insulating air space was required, a pitched wooden framework was built over the mortar-covered Porex, and a roof of Ruberoid Thick Butt shingles was nailed to the rafters.

Personnel

Associated Construction Co., with its subcontractors, employed an average force of 100 on the school project under the direction of Carl B. Ben-son, Superintendent. Regional High School District 4 was represented on the construction by James Hanson, Clerk of the Works.

Associated with the architect on this work is Hill & Harrigan, mechanical engineer of New Haven, Conn.; and Robert W. Loomis, structural engineer, took up the work started by Severud-Elstad-Krueger of New York.

The landscape work was designed by Charles A. Currier & Associates of West Hartford and awarded to Associated Construction Co. under a separate contract. Sewage disposal included in landscape work was designed by Hill & Harrigan.

Trailmobile Advances Two

Paul W. Heasley and Lloyd R. Everhard have moved up into two top management positions in Trailmobile, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, a subsidiary of Pull-man, Inc. Mr. Heasley, formerly Comp-troller, is now Vice President and Comptroller; and Mr. Everhard ad-vances from Secretary to Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Heasley joined Trailmo-bile in 1949 and Mr. Everhard in 1941.





Superintendent Carl B. Benson (center) poses with James Hanson (right), Clerk of the Works, and Bricklayer Foreman Frank Baldi on the school job in Connecticut.

Estimating Production Of Material-Moving Units

"Estimating Production and Costs of Material Movement with Euclids" is the title of an enlarged book just issued by The Euclid Road Machinery Co., 1361 Chardon Road, Cleveland 17, Ohio. Al-though intended for making estimates on Euclid equipment, the formulas and methods can be applied to other makes.

Part No. 1 covers job analysis, loading, hauling and returning, turning and dumping, and spotting. It gives details on payload cycles, outputs, grade and rolling resistance, and power factors

Part No. 2 on cost estimating includes information on depreciation, taxes, repairs, wages, and work sheets. Formulas for determining grade ability, rim pull, and engine torque are given in Part No. 3. The booklet also includes tables on weights and measures, conversions, and materials.

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Automatic Trainers Align Creeping Belt

A belt trainer that automatically keeps wandering conveyor belts aligned is now being manufactured by The Rapids-Standard Co., Inc., Rapistan Bldg., Grand Rapids 2, Mich. It can be installed on any make of conveyor which has the return belt exposed beneath the bed. Designed for use on fabric or rubber-covered belts 3/16 inch or more thick, the trainer operates at speeds up to 200 feet per minute. It does not interfere with normal conveyor operation, and does not mark or wear the belt in any way, the company

The trainer is bolted to the flanged rails on the underside of the conveyor. Flat sides of the belt run between two sets of knurled spring-loaded rollers, with the belt edges contacting two sets of equalizer posts. If the belt creeps to either side it presses against these equalizer posts and cocks the springloaded knurled rolls to the new belt direction. This forces the belt immediately back into alignment, and the trainer mechanism returns to normal setting ready for the next belt move-

The trainer can be ordered with Rapistan Table-Veyors or Power-Veyors at time of manufacture, or can be installed on these and other makes of conveyor now in service.

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A Telescopic Tower

A telescopic tower for heights above 30 feet is announced by Atlas Industrial Corp., 849 39th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. The Hi-Lift starts as a 6-foot tower and extends to its full height in less than 5 minutes. Electrically operated, it is easily handled through door and eleopenings. It is equipped with roller-bearing swivel casters on all four legs for easy maneuvering in tight ices, and has outriggers for extra stability. Operated by one man, the tower may be partially extended to any desired height, and can be used for cleaning and maintenance in high out-of-reach places.

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Fulton Mills' New Plant

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A Heli-Coil thread insert is installed, with a special tool, to repair the worn threads in a hole. The reconditioned hole is said to have higher loading strength and greater resistance to wear and corrosion than the original hole.

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Data on Self-Feeding Loader

A self-feeding bucket-type loader with three optional feeding mechanisms is described in a catalog prepared by Pettibone Mulliken Corp., 4700 W. Division St., Chicago 51, Ill. The PMCO Speedloader with Dragger-Back, bucket-type, or Cross-Breed feeders has a choice of drives for hard-surface

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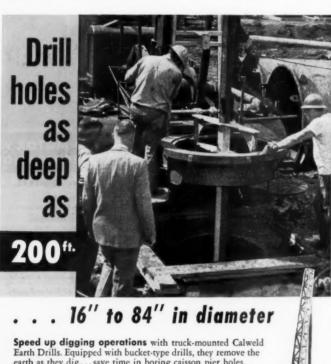
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1,000 Feet More of 14-Inch Plain-Concrete Pavement Gives Jet Planes an 8,000 x 50-Foot Runway at Langley Field, Va.

• THE fast-changing aspect of runway construction, influenced by the emphasis on larger planes and jets in particular, is well illustrated in recent improvements at Langley Air Force Base, Elizabeth City County, in southeastern Virginia. Back in 1940, a plain-concrete runway, 6 inches thick and 150 feet wide, was built with a length of 7,000 feet, the longest on the field. By 1944, the use of heavier planes developed during the war necessitated thickening this pavement to 14 inches by adding an 8-inch top course of concrete.

Last year when jet bombers began

Last year when jet bombers began using the field, this runway was extended to 8,000 feet with a 14-inch plain-concrete pavement. A 2,000-foot taxiway, 75 feet wide, was also constructed with a 14-inch concrete pavement to provide access to the far end

of the extended runway.

This runway work at the air base was only part of a \$2,000,000 improvement project which also included the construction of aviation gas facilities, tank farms, pipelines, and water supply. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, supervised the work for the Air Force. Speed was the keynote of the entire job, and the paving was completed in 60 days—from May 10 to July 10. The other features of the work were concluded last fall.

A Joint Venture

Construction was done under a contract awarded as a joint venture to three Norfolk, Va., contractors—Ames & Webb, Inc.; Vanguard Construction Corp.; and E. V. Williams. They in turn divided the runway construction into three subcontracts, with the Ferguson Corp. of Hampton, Va., laying the storm-drainage system; Perkins & Barnes Co. of Blackstone, Va., doing the grading; and Hechler Bros. of Richmond, Va., handling the concrete paving

The improved runway, longest of four at the field, is laid out in an eastwest direction, with the 1,000-foot extension added at the west end. It was closed to air traffic during the construction, and the jet-bomber squadron was forced to use a 6,000-foot runway, the next-longest at the field, during the interim. The need for haste was obvious, and the parceling out of the work resulted in more intensive application of men and equipment with a satisfactory completion of schedule.

Storm-drainage work consisted mostly of laying 6,000 linear feet of 24 and 30-inch concrete pipe. Earthwork was light, only 74,000 cubic yards, since the runway had already been graded well beyond the paving strip as a safety measure for overrun. An item of 150,-000 square yards of special compaction included a 9-inch depth of subgrade under the pavement and 9 inches over the 200-foot shoulders that sloped away to drainage ditches paralleling the runway.

Special Compaction

In this coastal-plain area the soil is about 40 per cent clay and 60 per cent sand. Under the pavement the subgrade was compacted to 95 per cent maximum density at optimum moisture, while the shoulder area was compacted to 90 per cent. The overrun area beyond the new paving was also compacted to 90 per cent. Tamping rollers were used to produce the required results.

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The 150-foot runway pavement is

crowned at the center, and slopes to the edges on a 1 per cent grade. Shoulders slope off on a 1.5 per cent grade. Paving was done in 25-foot lanes, with but a single transverse expansion joint at the midway mark in the 1,000-foot extension. This expansion joint is a 34-inch strip of impregnated felt set with its top 34 inch below the surface of the concrete. Through it go 1½ x 20-inch dowels on 15-inch centers. Assemblies and joint steel were supplied by the Virginia Steel Co. of Richmond.

Transverse dummy-groove joints oc-



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At the batch plant serving Langley Field, a Marion crane loads a Blaw-Enox aggregate bin with sand from a gondola car.

cur in the paving lanes on 25-foot centers, and longitudinal joints of the same type run down the center of each lane, dividing it into 12½-foot strips. These

joints are V-shaped—3½ inches deep x % inch wide at the top and ¼ inch wide at the bottom. All joints were (Continued on next page)

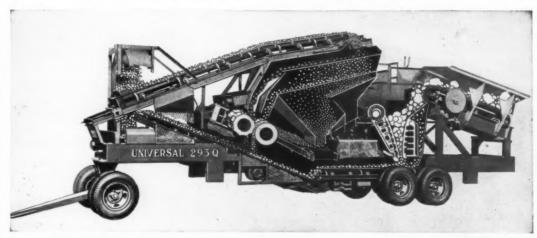
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rounded off with a 1/4-inch-radius edging tool. In the outside lanes, 5% x 30inch tie bars were inserted in the concrete on 30-inch centers.

Batch Plant on Project

For laying the some 40,000 square yards of pavement, the contractor de-cided to set up a batch plant within the field and haul the proportional materials to the paver. The plant consisted of a Blaw-Knox 150-ton three-compartment aggregate bin and a Blaw-Knox 300-barrel cement bin. These two units were erected along a siding of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad spur that serves Langley Field. Lone Star bulk cement was shipped in from Roanoke, Va., while the aggregate was supplied by the Commonwealth Sand & Gravel Co. of Richmond.



A Ransome 34-E dual-drum paver drops runy

sand were delivered in gondola cars. The material was either stockpiled at the side of the track or charged directly into the bin by a Marion crane equipped with a 65-foot boom and a Blaw-Knox

Hechler Bros. own trucks-Chevrolets and Internationals-carrying two batches each hauled the material to the paver; the cement was contained in separate metal boxes to prevent loss. An average of 10 trucks was used throughout the job for the average 1mile haul.

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total of 2,100 linear feet of Blaw-Knox steel road forms, 9 inches in depth. To use these for the 14-inch paving, he bolted strips of oak, 5 inches deep x 10 inches wide, to each 10-foot form section. The timber was secured to the form base with eight ½-inch bolts. These built-up sections weighed about 600 pounds each, and were too heavy to be set by hand, so a Link-Belt Speeder crane with a 35-foot boom worked along with the form crew both for setting and dismantling, the steel and wood forms.

Pins were driven by hand as the two lines of forms were brought to grade 25 feet apart. Any excess material was removed from the subgrade with a Cleveland Trailgrader that rolled along on the forms as it was pulled by a Galion motor grader that had done some preliminary shaping. Forms were oiled and the subgrade was wet down in preparation for the laying of con-

Paving started next to the existing runway in a lane just off the center line, and continued out to the end of the extension. Alternate lanes were then paved so that the paver, a Ransome 34-E dual-drum machine, was always working outside the lane being laid, either on the subgrade or on the already cured concrete.

Finishing Operations

Water for the mix was obtained at the air base and brought to the site in two 1,500-gallon tank trucks. While one truck was getting filled, the other was supplying the paver through an 80-foot length of 2-inch hose. The pump on the paver drew the water from the tank truck. Batches were mixed for one minute, then deposited off the 35-foot boom of the paver onto the subgrade. On the runway work the concrete was struck off level with the top of the forms by a Blaw-Knox spreader. This was fol-lowed by a Jaeger-Lakewood dualscreed finishing machine.

After the runway was completed and the work had shifted to the taxiway, the spreader was dispensed with for

part of the paving, and the striking off was done by the dual-screed finisher. Before the concrete was leveled off, the longitudinal tie bars were inserted at their mid-depth position in the slab along the center of the lane. The steel bars were laid on hooks fastened to a plow-handle device that was pushed down into the concrete. When the bottom reached the subgrade, the bar was easily disengaged and left in place while the hand tool was removed from the concrete.

When dowels were inserted in the outside lane, they were pushed through holes in the forms after the dual-screed finisher had made its pass. Next in line came a Koehring Longi-tudinal Finisher that was followed by a Heltzel Cleft-Plane joint installer. A wheel on the front of this unit cut a slot in the concrete for the longitudinal center-line joint, while saw-tooth blades at the rear cut other slots at right angles for the transverse dummygroove joints. The operators of the joint machine inserted interlocking steel

strips to fill out these slots to the required joint dimensions. For the longitudinal joints the strips were 4 feet long, while for the transverse joints two 121/2-foot strips were used.

Curing and Sealing the Joints

Some hand work followed the mechanical finishing operations. Finishers with long-handle straightedges checked for irregularities in the surface right

behind the machines. Then a 10-inchwide composition belt, fastened to plow handles at the ends, was dragged along the concrete to remove any ripples and to leave the surface with the desired texture. Next, working from a bridge, came the finishers who removed the steel strips from the joints when the concrete had begun to set up slightly. They edged the joints and rounded (Concluded on next page)

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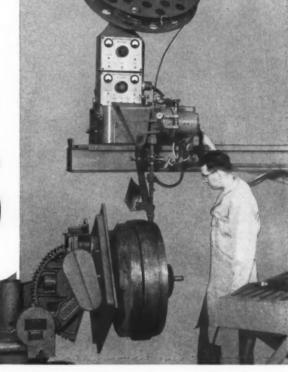
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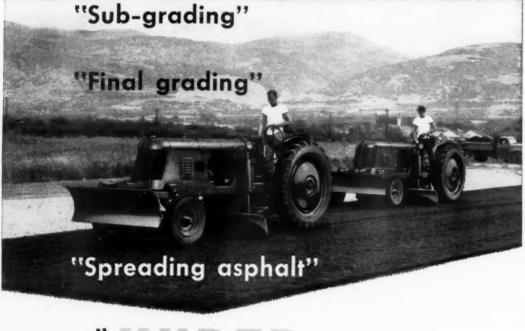
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Millionth Construction Toy

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Doepke brothers trim them down to sand-pile size. Major features are re-tained to give kids the feeling they're big-time contractors.

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WSB Welfare-Fund Policy; Some Contractors Dissent

The health and welfare policy approved by the Wage Stabilization Board provides that, under a regulation to be issued, employer payments of 7½ cents per hour into health and welfare funds generally will be adopted. However, the recommendation of the Construction Industry Stabilization Commission, upon which the policy was approved, was not unanimous. Two members—James D. Marshall, Assistant Managing Director of The Associated General Contractors of America, and Everett W. Dunn—dissented.

Their chief grounds for dissent are that the proposed policy is unstabilizing and inflationary. Labor conditions in the construction industry are peculiar to that industry; employment is intermittent and seasonal; workmen migrate from job to job and from one employer to another, often moving from densely populated areas where local unions have large memberships to isolated areas where there is a small local-union membership. Local bargaining will be destroyed, the dissenters argue, by denying to vast numbers of construction workers the privilege of choosing between welfare plans and corresponding wage increase. Each union will succumb to the tendency to bargain for a health and welfare fund under the WSB policy. A great inequity will thus be created between large and small unions.

The dissenting Commission members think it would be fairer to permit the smaller organizations the privilege of having, instead, an additional amount in their wages. Increases in existing health and welfare funds, or the creating of new funds in construction at

this time, are just as inflationary as wage increases, because they will increase the cost of construction work; they should therefore be charged to allowable wage increases. Finally, the WSB scheme will permit Government interference with private enterprise, and the action of the Federal government will encourage local labor officials and employers to rush into ill-conceived plans before they can be assimilated in given local areas, because wage increases are limited and benefit funds may be had.

The AGC, at its 33rd Annual Con-

The AGC, at its 33rd Annual Convention in Detroit, Mich., February 25-28, heard the dissenting opinion of Mr. Marshall and Mr. Dunn. It accordingly adopted a resolution expressing vigorous opposition to actions by any Federal agency which help to promote the establishment of health and welfare funds in construction through the exercise of powers intended only for the purpose of wage stabilization.

Mud-Pumping Equipment

A catalog on a line of mud-pumping units is available from Koehring Co.. 3026 W. Concordia Ave., Milwaukee 16, Wis. It shows the Model 10 and Model 50 Mud-Jack raising concrete road slabs, stabilizing trench settlements under street slabs, correcting factory floor grades, and pumping grout to seal leaking sewers.

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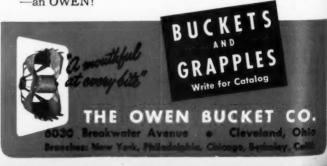
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Study Shows Granular Subbase Limits Pumping

Also Indicates Correct Shoulder Shaping Prevents Water Trapping At Pavement Edges

• FURTHER evidence that granular subbases can prevent pumping where concrete pavements are laid in areas of fine-grained soil was presented at the recent Highway Research Board meeting in Washington, D. C. W. E. Chastain, Sr., and J. E. Burke of the Bureau of Research and Planning of the Illinois Division of Highways, discussed the first results of a performance study now being conducted on 180 miles of U. S. 66.

The initial field work consisted of noting and mapping all failures and unusual conditions such as cracks, pumping at joints and cracks, shoulder holes, faulting, spalling, corner breaks, scaling, D-cracking, and raveling.

Pavement Types

The stretch of pavement investigated carries an average of 5,000 vehicles per day. About 85 miles of it rests on either trench or shoulder-type granular subbase. Drainage is provided with the trenched type only at isolated locations. In general the concrete pavement is

In general the concrete pavement is 24 feet wide and 10 inches thick. The sections built during the war contain no reinforcing, have bituminous fiber expansion joints at 120-foot intervals, and have intermediate weakened-plane contraction joints at 20-foot intervals. There are no load-transfer devices. The postwar pavements included in the study contain mesh reinforcement and have bituminous fiber expansion joints every 100 feet. There are no contraction joints, but ¾-inch dowels on 13½-inch centers transfer load at expansion joints.

Most of the subbases are of the undrained trench type and consist of 6 inches of well graded material. The specifications for gradation observed in their construction required that 100 per cent pass the 3-inch sieve, 35 to 65 per cent the No. 4 sieve, not more than 20 per cent the No. 50 sieve, and not more than 10 per cent the No. 200 sieve.

A compaction to at least 90 per cent of maximum wet density, as determined by AASHO testing procedure, is required for embankment construction in Illinois. In addition, no material may be placed when the moisture content exceeds 120 per cent of wet optimum.

Pumping

The study showed that only a limited amount of pumping was taking place on pavements over granular subbase. For the wartime design, the effectiveness of the subbase was measured by similar pavements placed on fine-grained soils. A total of 20.2 miles of pavement on subbase showed 2.4 pumping locations per mile, while 18.1 miles of similar pavements on fine-grained soil showed 79.4 locations. Although a similar comparison is not possible with the postwar pavements, the study showed only 1.2 pumping locations per mile for the 64.6 miles tested.

A few excavations were made where evidence of pumped granular material appeared on the surface. In each case a small tunnel was found in the shoulder at the pavement edge near the bottom of the slab. The tunnel was connected with the surface by one or more holes through which granular material had been ejected, and was found to be partially filled with loose granular material washed clean of fines. Excavations some distance away from the joints where pumping was found showed tunnels to be limited in extent.

An investigation of the subbase at the pavement edge at the affected locations revealed that it was not in full contact with the bottom of the slab. A layer of loose granular material washed of fines and about ¼ inch thick was found underneath the slab. A screw driver with a shank about ¼ inch in diameter could be easily inserted between pavement and subbase for the entire length of the 6-inch shank. Immediately below was a ¼ to ¾-inch zone in which the subbase appeared to be discolored with shoulder material. This, and the undisturbed subbase below, appeared to be quite dense and contained no free water. In a few instances, the space between the bottom of the slab and the subbase was found to contain a small amount of free

water when the excavations were made.

Where granular material was found ejected to the surface, the largest particles ranged up to ½ inch in size, grading down to minus No. 200 material which was visible only as a stain on the pavement.

Shoulder Holes

Shoulder holes were found with both pavement designs, but occurred much more frequently with the wartime design. The 20.2 miles of wartime-design pavement showed an average of 209.4 shoulder holes per mile. Excavations at a number of locations where shoulder holes were found showed that the holes extended to the bottom of the pavement. In many instances the pavement did not appear to be in good contact

with the subgrade in the vicinity of the holes, and sometimes the discoloration and character of the material immediately underneath the slab suggested that shoulder material had actually washed in between the pavement and subbase.

Chastain and Burke concluded their report by pointing out that granular subbases had been effective in the control of pumping. Although shoulder holes were common, they added, no pavement failures could be attributed to them and no direct connection between them and pumping had been established. They recommended, however, as a profitable maintenance effort, filling such holes and sloping shoulders to lines and grades that prevent the entrapment of water at pavement edges.

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GYRATING SCREEN

Perlite-Plaster Test Shows Steel Savings

Tons of critical structural steel can be saved in future buildings by using a new lightweight fireproofing for steel columns, according to the Metal Lath Manufacturers Association, Engineers Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio. During recent tests by the Underwriters' Laboratories in Chicago, a 10-inch steel column 8 feet long, protected with a thin membrane of metal lath and perlite plaster, was placed in a room-size gas furnace and exposed to temperatures as high as 2,000 degrees F to simulate a flaming building. The temperature of the column at the end of four hours was well below the point where steel will twist or buckle. Four-hour

column protection is the maximum required by any building code.

Self-furring metal lath is wrapped around the column, corner beads are attached, and gypsum-perlite plaster is applied to a thickness of 134 inches. Perlite is substituted for sand in the plaster because it is a lightweight material able to insulate against high temperatures. Metal lath embedded in the plaster gives a two-way reinforcing against temperature and structural stresses.

This new fireproofing is said to be one-seventh the weight of standard protections. The weight savings in an average 12-story building supported by 20 columns will exceed 260 tons, states the Association.

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There are three new models in the line of self-priming centrifugal pumps made by Rice Pump & Machine Co., N. Milwaukee St., Grafton, Wis. Conforming to the standards of the Contractors Pump Bureau of the Associated General Contractors, the 20M, 30M, and 40M feature cartridge-type shaft seals and open-type nonclogging impellers. They are powered by aircooled gasoline engines, and are available mounted on skids, two pneumatic-tired wheels, or steel wheels. Trailer hitches are furnished on the pneumatic-tired units.

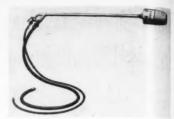
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Herman C. Helmle Dies

Herman C. Helmle, Springfield, Ill., District Engineer of The Asphalt Institute, New York, N. Y., died on March 17 in Springfield.

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Mr. Helmle, who had been with The Asphalt Institute since 1947, had spent nearly 30 years prior to that with the Illinois Division of Highways. It was during his career there that he developed the air bath which is now used in the determination of solid residues from road oils. Later his Highway Division work consisted chiefly of supervising inspection of bituminous construction, the proportioning of ingredient materials, and their actual preparation. Mr. Helmle brought this wide experience of highway development to the Asphalt Institute's promotional program in the midwestern area.



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Safe Jobs Not Won By Shaking Big Stick

Good Superintending, Job Training, and Weekly Meetings Are the Best Way to Stop Accidents

• IT looks as if this year will be a safer year in the construction industry. Judging by the turnout at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Greater New York Safety Council, contractors want safer jobs. They know a safe job pays dividends. What they came to the meeting for was to find out how to make jobs safe. And three of the best safety men in the country were on hand at the construction session, April 1, to tell them how.

The first speaker was Raymond J.

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Thuon, Secretary of Cooney Bros., Inc., Tarrytown, N. Y. For the 150 men or so gathered in the Keystone Room of the Statler Hotel he described hazards of highway construction and mainte-nance—and how to overcome them. Walter J. Friederich, Executive Vice President of A. Friederich & Sons Co., Rochester, N. Y., told the group how his company had turned a 20 per cent insurance penalty into a 25 per cent credit—company safety councils were the key. George O. Carter, Safety Engifor Zurich General Accident Liability Co., Salt Point, N. Y., spoke of ways to make safety training a part of the general work program.

Job Hazards on Highways

According to Mr. Thuon, snakes are just one of the hazards that plague highway contractors. He told about one job-less than 50 miles from New York City-where they caught and killed 35 copperheads and 15 rattlers. There were no "bites" on this job, but on a nearby job a rattler did strike a man. The contractor had wisely provided a snake-bite kit, though, and a fatality was avoided.

Every job is loaded with hazards, Mr. Thuon told the group. In storage yards, equipment is constantly moving around; machines are being repaired, loaded, parked. Out on the road it's no better. In fact, a new hazard looms up
—the motorist. The only cure for this hazard is good flagmen, he said.

You've got to train workmen to spot an accident before it happens, Mr. Thuon explained. They have to realize that even the lowly scythe can be a death-dealing weapon. Burning brush and weeds can cause burns and eye injuries, and the fumes of burning poison ivy can be fatal. Trenches should always be properly shored and rock cuts scaled down, he said. Back at the yard, materials should be neatly stacked and should rest on a firm level base. Mr. Thuon pointed out that having a trained first-aid man in every crew is one of the

best ways to reduce severity rates. Supplied with proper first-aid equipment,

this man keeps minor injuries minor.
Safety programs, said Mr. Thuon, start at the top. Management must set the ball rolling and keep it rolling. Cooperative foremen and superintendents will pass the word along and see to it that the workmen follow safe practices.

In Cooney Bros., men in all phases of the work serve on the safety committee These men elect their own chairman They handle the entire program: page out safety bulletins, act on suggestions of the workmen for safer practices, and hold regular safety meetings. The committee membership is changed every

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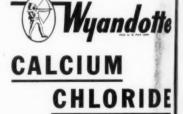
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Company Safety Councils

Walter J. Friederich, second speaker on the program, frankly admitted that high insurance costs were the first thing that got his outfit safety-conscious. Back in 1925 they had three fatal accidents. The accident rate in '26 and '27 was high too. All this contributed to a whopping 20.7 per cent penalty on in-

surance costs.

Company officials sat down and talked the problem over with the New York State Insurance Fund representative. The result was a company safety council, formed in 1928. The council was made up of superintendents, foremen, made up of supermentants, tornient, timekeepers, and anyone else who wanted to work for safety. The idea has gone a long way in the past 25 Many new projects have been added to the council's work.

The monthly meetings are one of the

best means of getting a safer job, ac cording to Mr. Friederich. They include reports on job conditions during the past month, a talk on some phase of safety, and often a movie on safe job methods. The reports on job conditions are taken from the weekly inspection reports. Mr. Friederich explained that these reports list some 30 questions pertaining to the safety of the work in progress; the super can answer most of them with a simple yes or no. In case there were any skeptics in the audience, Mr. Friederich explained the reasoning behind requiring these reports. "They are a constant safety reminder for the supervisory personnel", he said. "Say, for example, that one of the questions asks if all guardrail is in place. The foreman may recall a piece or two that's missing. Maybe he forgot to attend to it, but before he writes yes on the paper, he'll go out and see that the rail is put in place."

Another value of the reports, according to Mr. Friederich, is the oral explanation that each foreman has to give of any accidents that occur on his work. This is given during the meeting and the reason for the accident is usually obvious to all of the men. The razzing they give one another is an added incentive for keeping a clean job.

Large signs showing the safety record of the project are posted on each site as a part of the over-all program. As the number of days without an accident increases, the men are more careful than ever to keep the record going

Has the program paid off? It certainly has. The company's insurance premium rate for 1952 shows a 24.7 per cent credit, compared to 20.7 penalty when the program was started. "This was enough to get us at least one job we would have been second-best on in the past year", Mr. Friederich said. He

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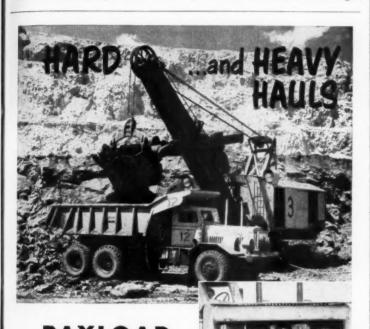
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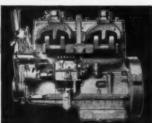


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also mentioned awards the company has received for no-time-lost jobs in the state. "Right now there are half a dozen of our jobs in progress without lost-time accidents", he said. The jobs run from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000 each and have been in progress from 250 to over 500 days.

Mr. Friederich emphasized the importance of the spirit behind the safety program. The mechanics of the program great worth, he said, but the wholehearted cooperation of the men has even greater worth. If the idea of safety is repeatedly pounded home, it stays in the mind of each man on the job, he said. Each is made to realize that accidents do not just happen-they are caused by the human element-and that the longer a job has gone without an accident, the closer it is to the next

Safety Training

George O. Carter, third speaker on the program, suggested that workmen be given safety training on their first job. There is no reason, he said, why an apprentice shouldn't be instructed in safety as he first begins to practice his trade. Safety then becomes an integral part of the work program.

According to Mr. Carter, trade unions can play an important part in this program. If a uniformly high standard of safety were set during the apprenticeship period, every worker hired would be a safe worker. The mining unions are now undertaking this type of program, he said, but it should not be necessary for the construction industry to have the mining industry's high inciof accidents before it takes

action.

Mr. Carter reported that 7 out of 10 accidents can be prevented—two by more attention to machinery and five by controlling the human element. Because the human element is so important, you've got to work with the men, he said. When a contractor wants a safe job and takes an active interest in his safety program, the superintendents and foremen will carry the program through to the workmen. A "big stick" attitude with its harsh enforcement of all details is not the best way to get a safe job. On the other hand, said Mr. Carter, safety training on the job as a regular part of the work, a cooperative attitude by supervisory personnel, and planned safety meetings will make your job a safe one.

Industrial Lubricant

Resistance to temperature, water, and corrosion are major features of a new industrial lubricant developed by Southwestern Petroleum Co., Fort Worth, Texas. Sotol, reports the company, will not melt at 1,000 degrees F or harden at zero temperatures. It is formed by adding oil and other organic compounds to a synthetic base, and is packed in 40, 110, 235, and 435-pound

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A Lift-Up Trailer

A trailer on which equipment may be loaded at ground level and then elevated to carrying position is made by Mac-Lee Trailer Co., Celina, Ohio. The unit was designed and engineered by United Development Corp. of Akron. Accessible at either end, it is raised by three hydraulic cylinders, one on each wheel assembly and one on the tongue.

The 5-ton trailer is 8 x 16 feet and has a road clearance of 13½ inches. Power for the hydraulic system is derived from an electric pump connected



shown here in "up" position, is loaded at ground level, hydraulic cylinders. It can be towed from either end.

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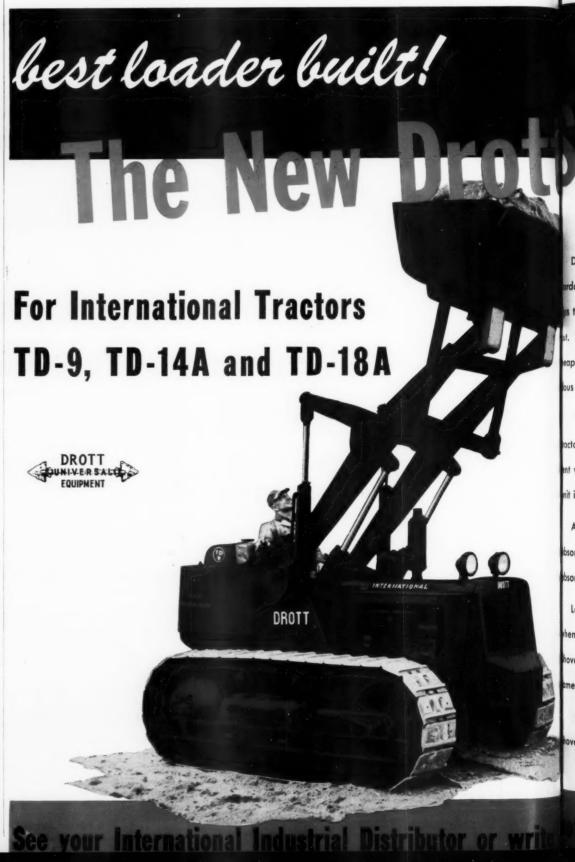
is done by hydraulic valves.

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Folder on 27-Yard Scraper

A new folder on the No. 90 scraper is issued by Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria 8, Ill. It gives complete specifications and illustrates mechanical features. The unit has a struck capacity of 21.2 yards and a heaped capacity of 27 yards. Cutting edges are self-sharpening and reversible for long service, The large rear tires are 27.00×33 and the fronts are 24.00×29 .

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Herbicides Promote Economy, Safety, and Public Relations, Says Highway Official: Utility Companies Must Cooperate

. IN most highway departments the use of herbicides has barely passed the experimental stage, though there is ample evidence to show the kind of job these materials can do on roadsides. All the more reason then, thinks Wesley L. Hottenstein, Chief Highway Forester of

the Pennsylvania State Highway Department, to take a long and careful look at herbicide spraying. Mr. Hotten-stein, in a paper at the Sixth Annual Weed Control Conference in New York City, described the weed war his Department is fighting with herbicides.

Economy, Safety, Public Relations
There are at least three potent reasons, he said, why highway departments should examine the merits of herbicide spraying. First, it is economical. It saves the cost of mowing weeds and within right-of-way limits. In Pennsylvania, for instance, topography and construction standards have made a great deal of hand mowing necessary; thus labor costs have been raised—if, indeed, enough labor could be found to tackle the job at all.

Safety is another factor of great importance, with regard to both the men engaged in mowing operations and the general public. Poison ivy has increased tremendously along Pennsylvania highways in recent years and, until spraying was introduced, it was the cause

of many lost man-hours and days.

Third, good public relations should not be overlooked. Every motorist who finds that he can drive along a neat highway, get a good view of the scenery, and picnic without worrying about poison ivy, is sure to be pleased, and his pleasure contributes to good public relations between the highway department and the public. To paraphrase the military saying "Communications can't win a battle but it can lose one" Mr. Hottenstein suggested that good public relations can't build highways, but lack of it will certainly interfere with progress.

State Program Gets Under Way

Pennsylvania's Chief Maintenance Engineer was fully alive to the benefits of a herbicide program, and in the sum-mer of 1949, said Mr. Hottenstein, the first experiments with chemical spraying were made at a number of locations in several districts to include various species and sizes of plants growing under different conditions.

Types of Weeds Attacked

Poison ivy is the worst menace in Pennsylvania, and this was the weed picked on by the sprayers for their concentrated efforts, which, incidentally, earned them much praise in the local press. Experience showed that a kill of more than 90 per cent could be effected with a single spraying, but a second application was needed to eradicate those plants originating from seed and those which had survived the initial spraying. This result suggested that an effective procedure for com-plete eradication would be two applica-tions during a period of two years.

Other weeds, too, have succumbed to the onslaught of the spray guns: Can-ada thistle, horse nettle, wild mustard, ragweed, mullein, pokeweed, chicory, Hall's honeysuckle, and other aggressive woody species. Herbicides have also been found profitable in areas adjacent to signs, guardrails, tops of fill slopes, bridges, culverts, and other spots hard to get at with mechanical

equipment.

The Spray

The preliminary applications made in 1949 were composed of limited quantities of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T combined. So encouraging were the results that a greatly expanded program was planned for 1950 and 1951. In each of the past two years approximately 375 gallons of herbicide were applied, the spray containing equal parts of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, with 2 pounds acid equivalent of each per gallon. The Pennsylvania Department of Highways specifications provide for an ester-type formulation of low volatility. The concentrate must be readily emulsifiable with water, diesel or fuel oil, and similar petroleum-carrying agents.

Application rates in spraying operations have varied from 90 to 200 gallons per acre, depending on the height and density of vegetation, with an average

of 150 gallons.

Application Methods

Power sprayers of 200-gallon capacity and knapsack-type 5-gallon-capacity tanks are the weapons in the offensive. The power sprayers are, of course, the most economical method of dealing with large and generally continuous areas. Pennsylvania roadsides, however, have many small scattered patches of objectionable vegetation in hard-toreach places, and it is here that the knapsack tanks have been so useful. An operation of this type can be efficiently conducted with a two or three-man crew and a foreman equipped with a pickup truck, 50-gallon drum, and several spare spray tanks.

Care must be taken, warned Mr. Hottenstein to prevent damage to sen-

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thoughtless spraying. Thanks to the precautions it takes, his Department has received no complaints about the spraying done by its own crews.

Costs

As regards the expense involved in herbicide spraying, Mr. Hottenstein puts it between \$20 and \$100 an acre, depending on availability of water, distance separating areas to be treated, and type of vegetation. Power-spraying costs are approximately one-third to one-half of those incurred by hand spraying. Of course applications on small and scattered patches cannot be undertaken with power equipment. But costs with either type of equipment are lower than hand mowing.

Utility Companies' Part

Mr. Hottenstein drew attention in his

paper to the fact that a state highway department sometimes gets blamed by the general public for careless herbicide spraying when in fact the fault lies with utility companies whose lines are constructed on or immediately adjacent to state highway right-of-ways. He cited some examples of their careless-ness, such as spraying dense stands of saplings in midsummer along heavily traveled highways. This is bound to invite severe public criticism, said. Partial spraying of the crowns of large trees is bad, too, since it causes one side of the tree to look as if it had been scorched by fire. If the large growth had been cut prior to spraying, offense to public opinion could have been avoided.

Early in 1951 the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, on account of the negligence shown by a few utility-company operators, drew up some rules and recommendations designed, as far as possible, to set uniform standards and avert justifiable criticism. The rules are as follows:

1. Prior to issuing a permit for any chemical spraying, a properly qualified official of the Department of Highways and an official representative of the company receiving the permit shall investigate the proposed work.

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2. A copy of the approved permit must be in the hands of the foreman at the time the work is being done.

3. Before spraying, all saplings over 8 feet in height shall be cut down and removed. (The sprout growth can be treated during the following year with reasonable assurance of effective results. In any case, since small young growth can be eradicated more effectively and economically than larger

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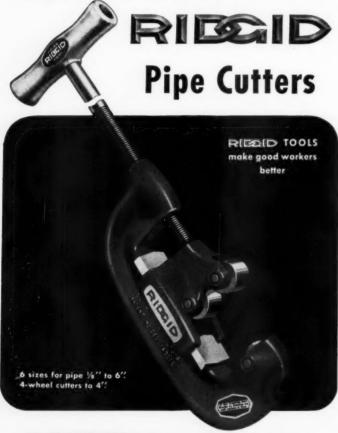
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Inter-American Cyanamid

A new corporation, Chemical Construction (Inter-American) Ltd., has struction (Inter-American) Ltd., has been formed as a subsidiary of American Cyanamid Co., New York, N. Y. Its main offices will be in Toronto, Canada, and the firm will design and build chemical plants in all nations of the Western hemisphere except the United States. Its operations will parallel those of Chemical Construction Corp., another Cyanamid unit, which designs and builds chemical plants in the United States and throughout the

W. R. Geddes is President of the ew company.

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material, treating such growth before it reaches 8 feet in height is advisable.)
4. Slopes and other areas subject to

severe erosion, now covered with protective vegetation, shall not be sprayed.

5. Spraying of desirable vegetation, regardless of origin, which does not constitute a hazard to the operation of utility lines, is prohibited.

6. Permittee shall exercise caution when operations require that spraying equipment be dragged along the highway, so that desirable vegetation is not killed as a result of residues adhering to equipment parts.

7. In order to lessen public criticism, as much as possible of the spraying shall be done in the dormant period between August 15 and April 15. This is of particular importance along highways in rural areas of high scenic value and in forested sections where the recreational factor is significant.

8. Desirable vegetation destroyed or seriously damaged as a result of carelessly or accidentally applying a chemical spray shall be replaced, or the Department of Highways shall be reimbursed by the permittee, or his of-ficial agent, in the amount of the replacement value.

9. In granting permits, the Department assumes no responsibility for damage to private property caused by

drift, etc., from spraying.

10. Traffic must be maintained at all times with as little interference as possible and every precaution taken for its safety.

11. Permits will be revoked upon failure to comply with these regulations. Future permits will be withheld until such jobs, not completed in an approved manner, are corrected to the satisfaction of the Department.

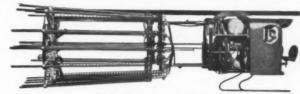
Mr. Hottenstein concluded by saying that haphazard methods are costlier and less effective than carefully thought-out programs, so why not gain the good will, confidence, and respect that accrue to good planning? He is of the firm opinion that herbicides are destined to play an increasingly important part in roadside-vegetation control, and that the friction points to which he refers in his paper are not so serious that they cannot be eliminated by cooperation and mutual understanding.

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New Body Features A Sloping Tailgate

A new type of dump body for maintenance work has been developed by the Ohio State Highway Department together with the Galion Allsteel Body Co., Galion, Ohio. It features a sloping tailgate and greater front-axle payload.

In its experiments with the new body designs the Highway Department sought to eliminate the apron which had to be used on earlier models to prevent aggregate from spilling. Its final specifications called for a truck bed 6 inches longer on the floor and 6 inches shorter on the top, leaving the capacity the same but providing a sloping tailgate.

ing tailgate.

When axle concentrations of a full payload were tested on the new body, it was found that a greater percentage of the load was carried on the front axle, than when a conventional type body was used. This increase was desirable because the Department had



Ohio Department of Highways Photo

This is the new dump body developed in cooperation by the Ohio Department of Highways and Galion Allsteel Body Co. Its sloping tailgate does away with aprons; its greater front-axle payload keeps the front wheels from floating on up grades.

found that the front axle on the older models tended to leave the road on ascending grades.

The Department points out that the new tailgate gives the operator better control when applying aggregates. Also, when bituminous mixtures are being dumped, the sloping tailgate actually cleans itself. The 3-cubic.yard body is 78 inches wide and 20 inches high.

Further information may be secured from Galion. Or use the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 931.

Technical Bulletin On Calcium Chloride

A technical bulletin on calcium chloride is available from the Solvay Sales Division, Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., 40 Rector St., New York 6, N. Y. It lists complete physical and chemical properties of the compound, gives information on unloading and handling both liquid and solid forms, and supplies standard ASTM specifications.

This literature may be obtained from the company, or by using the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 887.

Data on Digging Attachment

A heavy-duty digging and loading unit which is attached to the rear of a Schramm Pneumatractor is illustrated in a new booklet prepared by Pippin Construction Equipment Co., Inc. White River Junction, Vt. The Model WS11 is tractor-powered and hydraulically operated.

As a backhoe, it can dig 8 feet deep with a 5-cubic-foot bucket. The company claims that the unit can be converted to a shovel in a matter of minutes. Backhoe buckets are available from 12 to 37 inches wide and the shovel bucket is 22 inches.

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Marietta Concrete Corp., Marietta, Ohio, is producing these precast-concrete wall panels for Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.'s Electro Metallurgical Division plant at Marietta. Several buildings in this \$100,000,000 plant-expansion program have been completed. The original one was a steam power station with about 60,000 square feet of insulated precast-concrete wall panels As a result of experience with this structure, more contracts for 500,000 square feet of panels for other buildings were awarded to Marietta Concrete Corp. One of the largest, a furnace building 660 feet long and 70 feet high, with all exterior walls of precast panels, has already been completed. Several furnaces were placed in operation while the exterior panel walls of this building were being put into place.

Basic Sizes

Typical panels come in two basic nominal sizes—8 x 8 feet and 8 x 10 feet —with specials as required. They are cast in steel forms with a tolerance in cast in steel forms with a tolerance in dimensions and warping of plus or minus ½0 inch. They are made square, or nearly square, to equalize shrinkage in both directions. The larger panels are used whenever possible to reduce the actual length of joints to a minimum. Because the penels are 5 inches mum. Because the panels are 5 inches thick, compared with a 12-inch brick wall, they add a 7-inch-wide strip of floor for plant use around the perimeter of the building.

All panels are uniform in appearance and color. Specifications require that all cement, aggregate, and water be obtained from the same source. They also require that the concrete have a mini-mum strength of 4,000 psi at 28 days and at least 3½ per cent and not more than 4½ per cent of entrained air. In 7-day tests, results have averaged 4,300 psi; consequently, few 28-day tests have been required. The concrete has

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The panels are cast by Marietta with two U-shaped metal lifting hooks recessed into their top edges. The hooks make it easy to handle the panels and place them so they can be bolted directly to the steel frame of a building. The panels are erected directly from

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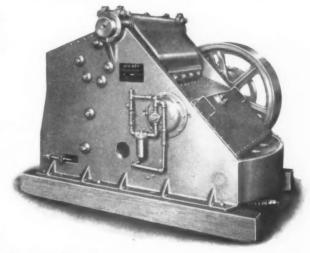
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Most of the panels have tongue and groove joints; these insure watertightness and help align the panels on steel building frames. The panels are supported on the steel frames at every third course. The inserts cast in each panel, together with loose clip angles and malleable iron clamps, form adjustable and positive fastening devices. Thin strips of lead are used as a cushion between the concrete and the steel fastening devices.

Insulating Material

The panels contain 11/2 inches of rigid insulation. At least 12 different materials were considered by the designers and tested for insulation properties, cost, supply, handling, cutting, water absorption, size of units, weight, and uniformity of thickness. Four were approved: a precast board made with wood-chip aggregate and a cement binder; a precast board made with wood-fiber aggregate and a cement cellular-glass' insulation a glass-fiber insulation binder; a block; and The insulation is provided in sheets 2 feet wide x 8 feet long, a size that is economical to handle in the fabricating shop. It is possible simply by changing the type of insulating ma-terial to vary the resistance to thermal conductivity, even though the thickness of the core is a constant 11/2 inches. The four materials give a coefficient of heat transfer (U-value) ranging from 0.14 to 0.33 Btu per hour, per square foot, per degree F. Since the U-value for a 12-inch brick wall is 0.36, the

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precast-concrete wall panels have better insulating value with a total thickness of only 5 inches.

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Before the panels are erected, a continuous, impervious, cellular rubber

strip is cemented in the grooves with a rubber adhesive. When the panels are in place, the joints are packed with oakum and calked. In the horizontal joints, however, where one panel bears directly on the one below, cement mortar is used to provide uniform bearing between panels. The outside horizontal mortar joint is raked to a depth of \$\frac{3}{4}\$ inch and then calked to give the same appearance as the other joints. A light-gray calking compound is used on the inside joints and a dark-gray, almost black, compound is used on the exterior for architectural effect.

The muslin form lining used in casting the panels gives them a smooth textured surface that minimizes light reflection and provides a base for painting. This textured surface is used on the interior walls for pleasing, decorative effect. The exterior surface is finished with a wood float and rattan broom, which creates a striated effect that extends vertically up the building interrupted only by the horizontal joints.

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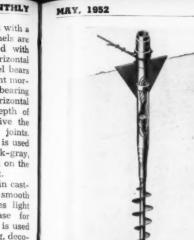
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This screw-type deadman for an-choring guy lines or cables and supporting foundations comes in lengths from 24 to 120 inches.

Screw-Type Anchor

A screw-type steel deadman for anchoring guy lines or cables and supporting foundations is manufactured by Van Dyke Industries, 3625 Cahuenga Blvd., Los Angeles 28, Calif. The anchor consists of a pointed tubular body with a wide-flange screw. Blade sizes range from 4 to 14 inches. The unit is made in lengths from 24 to 120 inches and is driven into the ground manually using a turnstile-type collar. The 24-inch model can be handled by

one man turning a single arm collar. The Ezy may be set vertical or at an angle. The company claims the smallest unit can be driven in 2 minutes, and the largest in 40 minutes. Extensions are made where deep anchor-ing is required. The tool can be pulled out and used over again, and two or more may be tied together for extreme tension.

Further information may be secured from the company. Or use the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 936.

Alaska Defense Construction

Spring brought a burst of renewed construction activity to Alaska, with a \$360,000,000 defense program already well under way. Under the super-vision of the Corps of Engineers, 73 active construction contracts, in varying stages of completion, have come out of winter storage and the Army Engineers plan to offer some 70 new contracts to open competitive bidding as the year goes on. The partly com-pleted contracts (necessarily closed down during the four winter months except for interior work) have a value in excess of \$190,000,000 and are expected to attract several thousand migration workers this year. The jobs to be put out on bid invitations over the next eight months comprise a \$170,000,000 extension to the program.

Interest in Alaskan defense contracts rising, according to the average of 9.6 bidders at each opening during re cent months as compared with the 4.0 average in March, 1951, and the authorities put this down to the fact that earlier handicaps are being steadily mastered. Some 350 newly interested stateside contractors made inquiries about the 1952 open competitive bidding schedule.

As an indication of the kind of jobs involved, contractors from ten states and Alaska hold title to such projects as: a station hospital; central heating and power plants; outside utilities; railroad trackage; family quarters; en-listed men's barracks; a composite housing building; and an Army Communications station. Smaller contracts include: a telephone exchange; a bakery; a theater; and a remote-receiver facility.

Information on 1952 bid openings

and local working conditions is available to any contractor at the Seattle Branch Office, Alaska District Engineer, 300 Exchange Building, or at Anchor-

Booklet on Steel Shores

A new booklet on adjustable steel shores is announced by Acrow, Inc., 510 N. Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Ill. It illustrates a typical erection procedure showing how the shores are laid flat and extended, raised into vertical position, and topped with decking after final adjustment.

The Acrow shore is a self-contained nit. The adjustable tube is held in place by a pin and threaded collar. A self-cleaning device eliminates crusts of dirt and concrete on the threads. Models are furnished which can support decking from 5 feet 7 inches to 15 feet high.

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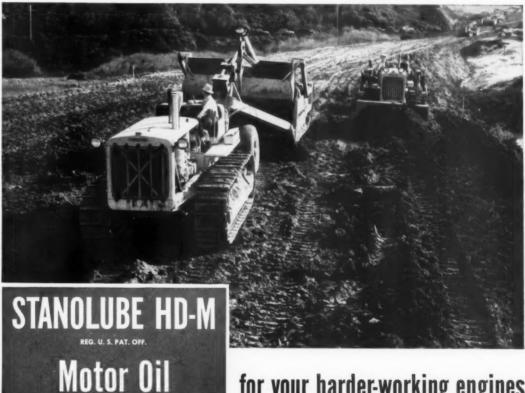
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State Equipment Co., Inc., of New York displays its machines—and itself—in this glass showcase on the Albany-Schenectady Road. Let's go inside.

Dealer Housed in Glass

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Prom his desk, Vice President and Branch Manager John L. Fremon can see his entire staff—through more glass.

• ON the Albany-Schenectady road stands a glass house as modern as tomorrow. Its occupant is State Equipment Co., Inc., of New York, which has become a going concern in less than two years of operation.

A lot of red tape had to be cut, and a lot of visits made to the N. Y. Department of State, before the firm could adopt its name. Then came construction of the glass house, and finally its dedication last November.

The 5,600 square feet of glass wall have an inside-outside effect as good for employees as for customers. With all the natural light streaming in, employees feel they are working outdoors. And with all the showroom equipment in full view from the highway, customers feel they are already inside—buying.

George C. Delp is President of the corporation. John L. Fremon is Vice President. And J. Paul Lyet is Secretary. Their aim? To make the distributorship second to none.



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New England AED Spring Meeting Members of Region I (New England) of the Associated Equipment Distributors Association got together on March 20 at Hartford, Conn., for their regular spring meeting. Presided over by T. B. (Bernie) Holmes, of Holmes-Talcott Co., Hartford, assisted by Secretary-Treasurer E. G. Warren, of Vermont Road Equipment Co., Montpelier, Vt., members elected Bernie Gorman, of Tractors, Inc., Providence, R. I., to the Board of Directors of the regional group. Membership voting resulted in the election of two new firms to membership: Hill-Martin Corp., Barre, Vt., and Rowen-Leahy Co., Hartford, Conn.

Group discussion centered on the possibility of a regional Road Show for New England during 1953; and the highlight of the dinner session was the address given by the guest speaker, Austin Page, Chief Engineer of Lane Construction Corp., Meriden, Conn., who told members about the advances in construction and equipment he had ratched during the course of more than 25 years.

Plans were made to hold Region I's annual outing somewhere on Cape Cod this year.

Diesel Sales Leaders Honored

Ten sales engineers representing dis-tributors of the Detroit Diesel Engine Division of General Motors received the annual W. T. Crowe award on March 13 as leaders in the sale of GM diesel engines in their respective zones for 1951. At a special dinner in De-troit, W. T. Crowe, General Manager of the Division, presented each man with a certificate of merit and a ring.

The ten thus honored were: Vincent C. Giuliano, Griffin Equipment Corp., New York, N. Y.; Jules J. Janssen, Highway Equipment Co., Pittsburgh, Highway Equipment Co., Pressurgin, Pa.; Lee Hardiman, Florida Diesel En-gine Sales, Jacksonville, Fla.; Herbert S. Matthews, George Engine Co., Harvey, La.; Robert A. Sime, Borchert-Ingersoll, Inc., St. Paul, Minn.; Robert Bowles, Jr., Western Machinery & Engine Co., St. Louis, Mo.; King D. Boyd. Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc.,

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Houston, Texas; George A. Hefty, Mountain Tractor Co., Missoula, Mont.; Robert J. Hines, Anderson-O'Brien Co., Los Angeles, Calif.; and Walter W. Brydges, Evans Engine & Equipment Co., Seattle, Wash.

Visits Hyster Dealers in Europe

George E. Bannister, Export Representative of Hyster Co., Portland, Oreg., manufacturer of lift trucks, mobile cranes, Straddle Trucks, Turret Trucks, and attachments for Caterpillar tractors, left New York by air recently on a trip to Europe. Mr. Bannister will go to Portugal, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, and France, where he will visit Hyster dealers and assist them in applications of Hyster equipment and modernization of their facilities.

New Quarters for Boardman Branch

The Tulsa, Okla., branch of The Boardman Co., Oklahoma City, has moved into a new building at 3415 Sand Springs Road, Tulsa. The new plant is fully equipped, and sales and



Boardman's new branch at Tulsa, Ohla., is as modern inside as outside, with the latest in sales and service facilities. Some of the equipment handled lines up outside for a family portrait: papa, mama, and the little ones.

service personnel are already installed. Boardman handles Allis-Chalmers, Baker, Gar Wood, Tractomotive, Carco, Buckeye, and Novo contractors' and road builders' equipment, as well as parts and accessories

Messenger Vibrators Names Seven

Messenger Vibrators, Fair Hayen, Mich., manufacturer of concrete vibrators and flexible-shaft equipment, announces the appointment of six new distributors to handle its equipment in five states. They are: Builders Rental Equipment, Inc., 717 Spencer St., Syra-Equipment, inc., 111 Spencer St., Syracuse 1, N. Y., and 46 Skillen St., Buffalo 23, N. Y.; Cesco Equipment Co., 3838 Laclede Ave., St. Louis 8, Mo.; E. K. S. Equipment Co., 1116 Plainfield Ave., N. E., Grand Rapids 5, Mich.; Howard T. Moriarty Co., 437-439 Broadway,

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Toledo 4, Ohio; United Tractor & Equipment Corp., 135 E. 146th St. New York 51, N. Y.,; Vern Wheeler Equipment Co., Inc., Florida Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.; and Broome Equipment Co., Sand Bar Ferry Road, Augusta, Ga.

I-H Training Schools on the Move

The two large truck-and-trailer units which became familiar last year to some 20,283 distributors and customers of International Harvester Co., Chicago, Ill., are again on the road. Each unit has been refurbished with new cutaway diesel-engine and tractor-chassis assemblies, slide films, charts, and other training material. As in 1951, the two mobile training units will make the Mississippi River their operational di-



Even their backs look enthralled. Servicemen of Browning-Ferris Machinery Co., Dallas and Houston, Texas, listen carefully while an International-Harvester instructor uses a mobile-training unit to explain design changes and latest service techniques for crawler-tractor transmissions.

viding line, with Unit No. 1 taking care of the eastern half of the country and Unit No. 2 the western.

On the basis of the great response to these International Harvester training schools last year, the company believes that they fill an important need, since they supplement the factory training program for distributor personnel by bringing information on the latest changes and improvements in the equipment to the men who need to know so they can do their jobs efficiently.

New Rhode Island Distributor

A new equipment house for the state of Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts recently opened its doors. It is BMG Equipment Co., 116 Hartford Ave., Providence, R. I. Byron M. Gammino is President and Treasurer; Charles E. Paine, General Manager; and Robert C. Duffy, Sales Manager.

BMG's general lines of new equipment include: Michigan cranes, shovels, and backhoes; Worthington pumps and compressors; Ransome pavers and mixers; Mall power tools; Marlow pumps; Roebling wire rope; Pettibone-Mulliken construction equipment; Wooldridge earth-movers and scrap-

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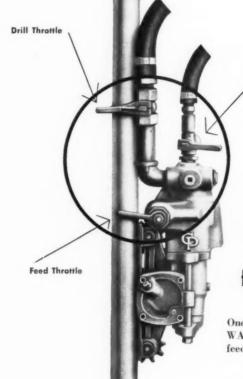
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ers; Transport trailers; Vulcan pneumatic tools; Lippert cement plants; and Corrigan conveyors. BMG will service all of the lines it represents and expects the repair of construction equipment to be a big item in its business. Its new building, located at one of the busiest intersections in Providence, has busiest intersections in Province, has a total of 9,000 square feet of floor space, of which about 7,000 feet is de-voted to repair and storage facilities. Another 17,000 square feet of outside paved area completes the firm's setup.

Scott Part Owner of Virginia Firm

George Cole Scott, of Richmond, Va., has purchased a substantial interest in Highway Machinery & Supply Co., Inc., Richmond and Salem, Va. At the same time Mr. Scott assumes the duties of Vice President in Charge of Sales Promotion.

Huber's 3 New Dealers Abroad

Huber Mfg. Co., Marion, Ohio, has appointed the following new distrib-utors to handle its complete line of utors to handle its complete line of road-maintenance equipment: Roberto Colon Machinery Co., Commercio St. No. 400, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Vecdi Diker, Mitat Pasa Caddesi 54-B, Ankara, Turkey; and Horacio Torrendell, S. A., Cuareim 2052-82, Montevideo, Uruguay.

R. I. Distributor for Texrope
The General Machinery Division of Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, Wis., has named Empire State Equipment Co., 36-38 Randall St., Providence, R. I., its distributor for Texrope drive equipment in Rhode Island. Empire State was established in 1949 and James F. Hoey, Jr., and Richard P. Sullivan are partners in the firm.

New Appointments for Herd

The Contractor's Sales Division of Herd Equipment Co., Oklahoma City, Okla., gains a new member in Marty Heil, who comes to the company with an admirable record in constructionmachinery sales. He spent many years with the Jaeger Machine Co., Columbus, Ohio, and with the Lull Mfg. Co., Minneapolis, Minn., and has

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C. L. Wood, President of Eagle Crusher Co., Galion, Ohio, stands beside 3 of his company's truck-mounted loaders consigned to Montevideo, Uruguay. The machines are all-purpose loaders and can handle any loose material at the rate of 3 to 5 yards a minute. The Amrocta Co., New York, arranged the export.

called upon to work closely with many state contractors on construction and machinery problems. Mr. Heil will make his headquarters at Tulsa and will be responsible for the eastern

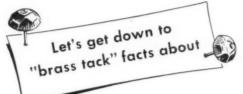
side of the state of Oklahoma from the Kansas border to the Texas line. His accounts will include general and building contractors, oil companies, utilities, and industrials.

Earl Rinnert is a new recruit to the company's county and municipal sales force. He has many years' engineering experience including a period with the Oklahoma State Highway Department, and will take care of the following counties in Oklahoma: Muskogee, Okmulgee, McIntosh, Pittsburgh, Okmulgee, McInto LeFlore, Sequoyah.

American Tractor's Canada Dealer F. H. Hopkins & Co., Ltd., 8500 De-carie Blvd., Montreal, Canada, was recently appointed distributor in Quebec and eastern Ontario for American Tractor Co., Churubusco, Ind., manu-facturer of the Terratrac crawler

Morrissey Holds Open House April 5 was a big day for Morrissey Bros. Tractor Co., New England distributor. On that day the firm held an all-day open house to welcome friends and customers to its new quarters at

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the junction of Route 128 and Middlesex Turnpike, at Exit 35, Burlington, Mass. Guests were introduced to the new 12,000-square-foot building located on five acres of land. Most of the floor space is devoted to parts and repairs and Morrissey keeps twelve service men available at all times to offer help and advice with maintenance and repair problems. "As far as we're con-cerned," says Morrissey, "preventive "preventive maintenance is here to stay.

Included in Morrissey's exclusive representations are: Allis-Chalmers tractors and motor graders; Buckeye shovels and spreaders; Gar Wood bull-dozers and scrapers; Pitman Hydra-Lift cranes; Ransome concrete pavers and mixers; Wooldridge earth-movers; and Worthington compressors, air tools, and wagon drills. Six sales representatives are always on hand to help with the selection of equipment.

William Morrissey is President and Treasurer of the firm; Leonard Morrissey is Vice President and Sales Manager; George Richberg, Service Manger; and John MacGillivray, Office

Kingman Joins Illinois Dealer

William W. Kingman has joined the Melrose Park, Ill., branch of Illinois Contractors Machinery, Inc., and will direct the company's sales program in the Chicago area. He will handle, among other equipment, that manufac-tured by R. G. LeTourneau, Inc.; In-gersoll-Rand Co.; Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corp.; Michigan Power Shovel Co.; Construction Machinery Co.; Erie Steel Construction Co.; and J. I. Case Co. Mr. Kingman was General Sales Manager for the Manufacturing Division of the Maxon Construction Co., Inc., Dayton, Ohio, for 11 years prior to his present appointment.

Hedge & Mattheis Handles Pioneer

Hedge & Mattheis, 285 Dorchester Ave., Boston 27, Mass., is a New England distributor for Pioneer Engineering Works, Minneapolis, Minn., manufacturer of equipment for the quarry, gravel, and road-building industries. Hedge & Mattheis will handle Pioneer equipment in the states of Massachu-setts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. The firm has branch offices in Wor-cester and Springfield, Mass.: Provi-dence, R. I.; and Hartford and New

Stilwill for Missouri-Illinois

Jack Stilwill has taken over the post of Sales Representative in the Linn, Mo., area for Missouri-Illinois Tractor & Equipment Co., St. Louis, Mo. Missouri-Illinois Tractor is distributor in eastern Missouri and southern Illinois for: International Harvester Co.; J. D.

Adams Mfg. Co.; Ingersoll-Rand Co.; Hough Co; Bucyrus-Erie Co.; Construction Machinery Corp.; The Heil Co.; C. R. Jahn Co.; Michigan Power Shovel Co.; and others. The company maintains sales, service, and parts branches in Quincy, Ill., and Charleston. Mo.

Three More Cleco Dealers

The Cleco Division of the Reed Roller Bit Co., Houston, Texas, manufacturer of the Cleco and Dallett lines of air tools and accessories, has appointed three new distributors: Bristol Metal Working Equipment Co., 534 Front St., Hartford, Conn.; S & M Supply Co., 761 S. Seventh St., Grand Junction, Colo.; and Quinn Welding Supply Cen-2725 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Ill.

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Prime-Mover Makes Dealer Changes The Prime-Mover Co., Muscatine Iowa, manufacturer of the Bell Prime-(Continued on next page)





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Distributor Doings

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Mover mechanized wheelbarrow, has appointed ten new dealers, as follows: R. S. Armstrong & Bros. Co., Albany, Ga. (for the southern half of Georgia): Ga. (for the southern half of Georgia);
J. D. Evans Equipment Co., Rapid
City and Sioux Falls, S. Dak. (for the
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Calnon Is Cummins-Sales V. P.
J. T. Calnon, former Sales Manager

of Cummins Sales & Service, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, is promoted to Vice President, Sales. Mr. Calnon, who has held the posts of District Service Manager at the company's Houston and Wichita Falls branches, is now in charge of Cummins engine sales throughout the company's area of operations.

Two recent promotions have occurred in the company's Oklahoma City, Okla., branch. H. W. Everroad, formerly District Service Manager, is now Manager, Engine Division, at that branch; and W. N. Eason, former Shop Foreman, takes Mr. Everroad's place as Service Manager. Mr. Everroad has been with Cummins Sales & Service since 1941, and Mr. Eason since 1947.

Wrentham Handles Dayton Pump The Wrentham Co., 12 Whiting Street, New Haven, Conn., has been appointed New England sales representative of the Dayton Pump & Mfg. Co., Dayton, Ohio, manufacturer of Rapi-dayton electric water systems and water softeners. Joel Finkle is General Manager of Wrentham.

Midwestern Plans New Building Midwestern Engine & Equipment Co., Tulsa, Okla., is making construction plans for a new building on Sapulpa Road near Tulsa, just east of the Tulsa junction point of U. S. 66 and the new Oklahoma City-Tulsa Turnpike.

Midwestern began in 1946 as exclusive distributor in its area for Continental Motors and Owens-Corning Fiberglas pipe - wrapping materials. However, as it now represents over 30 makes of pipeline and general contractors' equipment, officials of the company feel it has outgrown its present quarters. Construction of the new building will begin just as soon as plans are off the drawing board.

Roehring Distributor, Minnesota

Ruffridge-Johnson Equipment Co., 250 Tenth Ave., S., Minneapolis 15, Minn., is the newly appointed Minne-sota distributor for Koehring Co., Mil-waukee, Wis., whose products include: Koehring excavators, cranes, draglines; Johnson aggregate and cement plants; Parsons Trenchliners; and Kwik-Mix concrete mixers. C. T. Johnson is President and Sales Manager of Ruff-idge-Johnson, L. C. Ruffridge is Vice President, and D. E. Thompson, Parts Manager, superintends the stocks of repair parts and the servicing. The

firm succeeds Rosholt Equipment Co. as Koehring distributor in Minnesota.

Genalco for Lubrication Engineers
Lubrication Engineers, Inc., Forth Worth, Texas, manufacturer of heavy equipment lubricants, has appointed Genalco, Inc., 240 Highland Ave., Needham Heights, Mass., as its New England distributor. In this area Gen-alco will handle the company's complete line of multipurpose barium; graphited lubricants for track rollers: and lubes for transmissions, chassis outside gears, and upper cylinders.

H. O. Penn Appoints Griffith

H. O. Penn Machinery Co., Inc., The Bronx, N. Y., has appointed Edmund W. Griffith Branch Manager for the Long Island territory. He makes his headquarters at 496 Jericho Turn-pike, Mineola, where the Long Island branch office, showroom, and shop are located, and will handle the distribution of Caterpillar earth-moving equip-

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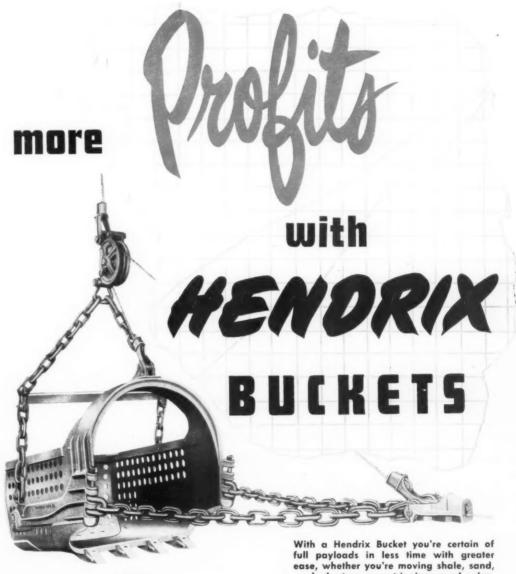
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ment, Bucyrus-Erie shovels, T. L. Smith concrete mixers, and other construction and highway maintenance equipment. Mr. Griffith ("Ed" to a wide circle of acquaintances) has been with Lone Star Cement Corp. for the past 21 years.

Floyd R. Van Riper leaves Mineola

to become Parts Manager in New York. nd John Rossi succeeds him as Parts Manager in Mineola.

Universal Form Clamp Distributors

Universal Form Clamp Co., Chicago, Ill., manufacturer of wall forms, form form systems, column forms, and bar supports, has appointed three new distributors in the northwest: Mc-Craken-Ripley Co., 2221 N. Albina Ave., Portland, Oreg.; Construction Equipment Co., W. 1118 Ide Ave., Spokane, Wash.; and Bow Lake Equipment Co. 300 Michigan St. Seettle and ment Co., 300 Michigan St., Seattle and Tacoma, Wash. Universal also maintains a Pacific coast office and warehouse at San Leandro, Calif.

Mar-Rail Appoints 4 New Dealers
The Mar-Rail Conveyor Co., Paw-

tucket, R. I., manufacturer of the Brik-Toter portable conveyor, announces the appointment of four new distributors for the sale of the Brik-Toter and the company's recently designed accessories for bulk-material handling.

The new distributors are: W. T. Walsh Equipment Co., 12750 Berea Road, Cleveland, Ohio; North Texas Equipment Co., 413 S. Industrial Blvd., Dallas, Texas; Stillwell Supply Corp., 44-68 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City 1, N. Y.; and General Supply & Equipment Co., Inc., 530 E. 25th St., Baltimore 18. Md.

Couch Tractor Sales Personnel
Couch Tractor & Equipment Co., Couch Tractor & Equipment Co., Kansas City, Mo., announces three changes in its sales representation. Charles G. Dunn, formerly a salesman of the company, is now Assistant Sales Manager; and Robert Weibling and M. E. Wyatt are newly appointed Sales Representatives. Mr. Wyatt's head-quarters are at Maysville, Mo.

Couch Tractor distributes the following manufacturers' construction equipment: International Harvester Co.; Frank G. Hough Co.; J. D. Adams, Co.; Link-Belt Speeder Corp.; Pull-man-Standard Car Mfg. Co.; Bucyrus-Erie Co.; and The Heil Co.

Repairing Tractor Grousers

Special-shape applicator bars for repairing tractors are the subject of the "Manganal Marketer" (Vol. 2 No. 11) available from Stulz-Sickles Co., 134-142 Lafayette St., Newark, N. J. They are supplied in 16 to 20-foot random mill lengths and can be torch-cut to fit tractor grousers. The bars also com machine-cut to the width of the

Tractors lose their grip usually because of worn down grousers, and rebuilding them with Manganal bars will stop wasteful slippage, the company points out. Included in this publication is a table listing the linear-feet requirements for International, Caterpillar, Cletrac, and Allis-Chalmers tractors. Repairmen can estimate how much of the grouser has been worn away and from the actual-size diagrams in the "Marketer," pick the size of bar which will bring the grouser up to original size.

Complete details for welding on the bars are supplied along with directions and illustrations. Also described are other Manganal applications for repairing bulldozer blades, track rollers, drive sprockets, and idler wheels. For longest service, the company recommends applying a single pass of Seaco hard-surfacing welding electrode to cutting edges.

This literature may be obtained from the company, or by using the Request Card at page 16. Circle No. 950.

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The four GMC mobile diesel-truck service-training schools which started their career in November, 1950, are to continue operations, according to an announcement by the GMC Truck & Coach Division of General Motors Corp., Pontiac, Mich., and will revisit many points where additional me-chanics are needed. The Division finds that the demand for this type of training is noticeably greater this year, in view of the industry trend toward diesel power.

The mobile schools, which since their inauguration have trained more than 2,000 diesel mechanics for GMC truck operators and some 900 GMC dealers throughout the nation, are mounted on GMC diesel trucks. They give experienced mechanics a five-day course, which includes work on live GMC diesel engines and subassemblies, while teaching operation, maintenance, and overhaul. Each school is limited to 12 students, who are under the super-vision of factory-trained instructors. The course has now been altered to include the new GM 3-71 diesel—the 3-cylinder engine recently introduced in the 21/2-ton GMC Model D450-37.



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The Simplex ratchet jack has a capacity of 10 tons and weighs 42 pounds.

dams or dikes and three airports. In each case the results were favorable. Statistical tables and diagrams complete the bulletin.

HRB Bulletin No. 45, "Subsurface Drainage", may be obtained by writing to the Highway Research Board, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington 25, D. C. Price: 45 cents.

Tubular Steel Scaffolds

Prefabricated sectional tubular steel scaffolds are described and illustrated in a catalog available from Patent Scaf-folding Co., Inc., 38-21 Twelfth St., Long Island City 1, N. Y. The Trouble Saver scaffolds are assembled without tools and are completely interchangeable.

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The mason-type frame from 3 feet 1 inch to 6 feet 7 inches provides a

2-level scaffold with the working platform the correct distance below the storage level. The end frames may be used as a ladder.

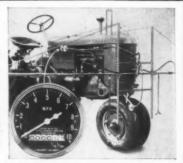
The pivoted diagonal braces fit over studs welded to the frame and are fastened to the end frames by wing

nuts. They are made in lengths from 5 to 10 feet. Adjustable legs are used at the base of the scaffold. This literature may be obtained from

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A New Ratchet Jack

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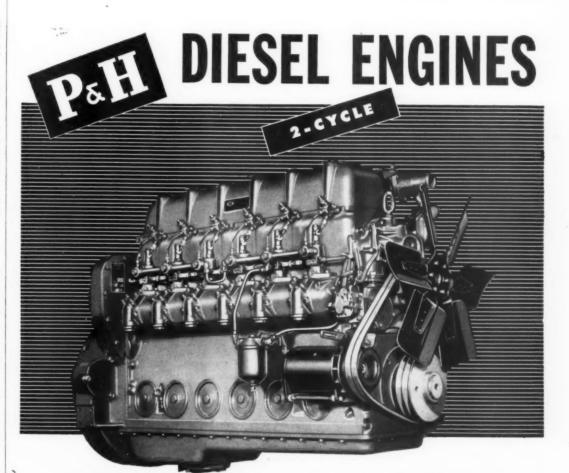
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Subsurface-Drainage Report

According to replies received by the Highway Research Board to a questionnaire put to state highway depart-ments and selected divisions or de-partments of the Bureau of Public Roads, the Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Civil Aeronautics Administration, the consensus is that faulty subsurface drainage causes pavement failures, including rutting and shoving in flexible pavements, pumping in concrete pavements, and frost heaves and boils in both types of pavement.

HRB Bulletin No. 45 contains a report of the Committee on Subsurface Drainage entitled "Present Practice in Subsurface Drainage for Highways and Airports", which tabulates and interprets these replies. The report was prepared by Philip Keene, Engineer of Soil Mechanics and Foundations for the Connecticut State Highway Department and Chairman of the Committee, and Seward E. Horner, Chief Geologist for the Kansas State Highway Commis-

Practically all replies give clogging of backfill, and sometimes pipe, as the chief cause of subsurface-drainage failures, though nearly all note improved backfill material since 1942; their specifications now call for con-crete sand, clean bank-run sand, or bank-run gravel for backfill as a general rule. Depth of pipe invert or deep ditch varies between 2 and 6 feet; in about two-thirds of the states subbase is carried out to the full width of the shoulders, in the others it is carried the shoulders, in the others it is carried to only 1 or 2 feet beyond the edge of the pavement. Total thickness of surface, base, and subbase varies, with weather, soil, and traffic conditions, from 6 to 32 inches. As far as sanddrainage wells are concerned, replies show that four state highway departments have used them, while Federal



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When the Collier-Burns Highway Act of 1947 was enacted by the California Legislature, increasing the state gasoline tax and providing other additional funds, highway construction in California was vigorously speeded up. The section of U. S. 99 between Los Angeles and Bakersfield, carrying as it does an average daily traffic volume of 8,500 vehicles, was one of the first high-ways designated by the California Division of Highways for widening and improving to modern standards. Of this traffic, heavy trucks constituted over 20 per cent. For long distances they had to move slowly on the long steep grades necessary to cross the Tehachapi Mountains

Since 1947 in Los Angeles County alone, the California Division of Highways has advertised and awarded nine major contracts for the reconstruction of this highway, totaling about \$12,000,-000 for 45.2 miles. The last of these contracts, which is now nearing completion, extends from the northerly city limits of Los Angeles at Tunnel Station to Pico Canyon Road, a distance of slightly over 5 miles. This contract calls for the improving of the old 3-lane road through Weldon Canyon to provide a 4-lane divided limited-access freeway.

The prime contract for this \$1,250,-000 job is held by Claude Fisher Co. of Los Angeles. It includes among its principal items, grading, drainage structures, base-course preparation, and pavement. Preparation of a cement-treated base and portland-cement paving were subcontracted, but setting up the batch plant and furnishing concrete materials were functions of the prime contractor.

year's unusually severe rainy winter has slowed progress to a point where completion is likely to be delayed until about the middle of this month, 90 days beyond the scheduled

Project Design

The contract provides for two 2-lane

A busy scene during improvement of a dangerous stretch on U. S. 99 in California. Batch trucks empty to the paver—spreading and finishing equipment in the rear.

roadways separated by a median strip of varying widths, with 8-inch port-land-cement concrete 24 feet wide placed over cement-treated subgrade. The pavement is bordered with plantmix shoulders 8 feet wide on the right and 5 feet wide on the left.

Drainage of the pavement surfaces will be positive, with a 1½ per cent slope in all places where the pavement is not superelevated. Shoulders will consist of asphaltic concrete, tapering from 4 inches to 2 inches in thickness (Continued on next page)

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outward from the pavement edge, to give a drain slope of 5 per cent. An unusually interesting drainage system was built around the natural drainage channel which leads longitudinally through the heart of the newest fill section. It was impossible to lo-cate a drain channel alongside the roadway because of extensive excava-tion quantities involved, so a plan of reinforced-concrete drainage pipe was devised. The pipe sections, ranging from 48 to 72 inches, were laid longitudinally through the heart of the fill to carry water runoff through the highway. In addition, the surface water in quite a few places is intercepted at the top of cut slopes and carried down to the pipe by means of paved drops.

Deep-Cut Grading

Grading required the excavation and movement of 750,000 to 800,000 cubic yards of dirt and soft tertiary rock, largely from a single mammoth cut over 250 feet deep. Hauls from this ex-cavation point were so long that some 2,000,000 station-yards of overhaul were placed in the contract bid items. Excavation and installation of the pipe drain in approximately a mile of fill were job phases of more than usual

Nine Caterpillar D8 tractors and 4 Wooldridge 15-yard scrapers were as signed to push loading and short-haul signed to push loading and short-hauf excavation connected with cut pioneering, but the main fleet of grading equipment consisted of fast rubbertired digging and hauling equipment. There were six Wooldridge Terra Cobras and five Caterpillar DW2O's, with three Allis-Chalmers HD-19 tractors with torque converters to assist in the push loading.

A sand backfill was hauled in around A sand backin was natived in around the drainpipe as fill progressed. Excavated material was spread by hauling units in lifts approximately 6 inches deep, watered if necessary from 3,000-gallon tank trailers, and rolled by Wooldridge and Southwest sheepsfoot units. Density checks were run from time to time to make sure the uniform 90 per cent was secured. The subgrade and cut sections were finished out to close tolerance by Fisher's organization, and the 8-inch select granular subbase material was also applied and compacted. Special compaction attention was given to the bottom 4 inches of this material, since plans called for a later cement treatment.

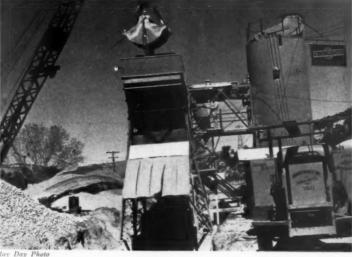
Cement-Treated Base

The application of portland cement to the base-course material called for good coordination of heavy equipment units, because mixing and injecting had to be done according to a strict se-

When the two lines of header had been set by a crew consisting of a fore-man and about 30 men, a D8-drawn Lewis subgrader moved in to make the final subgrade before the cement treat-ment began. The granular subbase had been left slightly high to give the machine something to work against. Excess material was moved ahead to be re-used in parts of the base farther up the road. When the Lewis subgrader had finished its work, the same D8 was used to pull a windrow sizer, which gathered the top 4 inches of material together for the injection of cement.

Monolith portland cement from the Tehachapi plant was used in bulk, and injected by a cement distributor mounted on a truck chassis. The 2½ per cent cement content was applied in one pass, and the percentage carefully checked by balancing the cement weight distributed against the length of windrow covered.

Mixing was accomplished in a single ass by a D8-drawn Wood Roadmixer. Necessary moisture was also added at this point by tank trucks which were hooked to the Wood machine by hose. Following the mixing operation, which



A 11/4-yard McCaffrey clam bucket charges the bins of the Conveyco batching plant for the paving on Claude Fisher Co.'s \$1,250,000 contract.

progressed at the average rate of 18 fpm, a D8 and a leveling plane smoothed the material back down between the headers.

An initial breakdown roll was made by a 12-ton 3-wheel Galion machine, and the ironing-out was done by a tandem 6 to 8-ton Buffalo-Springfield roller. Finish rolling was done by a Buffalo-Springfield 6 to 8-ton ma-chine equipped with rubber tires, which pressed down any surface ir-regularities and built composition. regularities and built compaction all the way to the top of the subbase. While this machine worked, a water truck usually applied a fast fog coat of moisture to keep the surface from hydrating.

Following final compaction, the Lewis subgrader made a last pass to shave the grade to exact elevation, and the tiny areas next to the headers were trimmed by hand. A re-rolling by a light rubber-tire roller and an emulsion-asphalt seal coat applied by a Littleford 600-gallon distributor at the

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rate of a gallon every 10 square yards completed the treatment.

Batch Plant and Mix Design

On a project the size of this, the California Division of Highways requires extraordinarily accurate control of batching, and manual-type plants are not permitted. A materials subcontract was arranged with Consolidated Rock Products Co. of Los Angeles for the concrete ingredients and batching, to take advantage of Consolidated's experience and equipment in work of this kind.

The batch plant was a Conveyco fully automatic rig, consisting of a 2,000-barrel cement-storage silo and a 4-bin automatic batch plant. Automatic weighing on a cumulative basis was done by intercepting with electronic "eyes" the pointer on a Kron dial scale. The electronic eyes instantly shut off the flow of one size of material and turned on the next, until the entire aggregate content for a concrete batch was weighed out in a dump hopper.

Three sizes of rock aggregates and sand were supplied by Consolidated Rock from one of its closest commercial plants near San Fernando, and trucked in to the site. Monolith bulk cement, Type I, was trucked from Tehachapi. Approximately 550 cubic yards of aggregates had to be handled each day. They were dumped in separate stockpiles by the side of the batch plant, and loaded to the bins by a 1¼-yard McCaffrey clamshell bucket on a Koehring crane.

Batches of dry-mix material, correctly proportioned, were hauled from the plant out to the paver by GMC 4-batch trucks owned by J. E. Haddock, Ltd. The plant was set up on the south side of the highway near the project midpoint, where batch trucks could have access in the right sequence to the new paving. By setting the batch plant up on the south side of the project, Fisher's management made sure batch trucks could use the existing highway and would not have to cross over any of the new pavement strips.

Typical sieve analyses of the various sizes of aggregate are given in the following tabulation.

	No. 1:
Size Screen	Per Cent Passing
3-inch 2½-inch 2-inch 1½-inch ¾-inch No. 200	100 90-100 35-70 0-15 0-5 0-2
	No. 2:
2-inch 1½-inch 1-inch ¾-inch ¾-inch No. 200	100 90-100 20-55 0-15 0-5 0-2
	No. 3:
1½-inch 1-inch 1-inch 1½-inch No. 4 No. 8 No. 200	100 90-100 60-85 15-40 0-15 0-5 0-2
	Sand:
\$4-inch No. 4 No. 8 No. 16 No. 30 No. 50 No. 100 No. 200	100 90-100 65-90 45-70 25-45 10-20 2-8 0-4
Combin	ned Mixture:
Size Screen	Per Cent Passing
3-inch 2½-inch 2-inch	100 95-100 80-95

Dry-batch design weights were based on the following formula to get a batch yielding 1% cubic yards: Cement 648 lbs.
Sand 1,614 lbs.
No. 3 1,012 lbs.
No. 2 370 lbs.
No. 1 1,614 lbs.

Concrete Paving

Since it was necessary to string out over long sections to place up to 3,000 linear feet in a shift, plenty of steel forms were indicated. Approximately 20,000 linear feet of Blaw-Knox 8-inch forms were used for the formation of the 12-foot strips. The northbound right-hand lane, on the outer side of the new highway, was set first, followed by the lane next to the median strip on the second pass. Approximately 6 men, working with a small compressor and air guns, set the forms and drove the pins through the subbase. Very little tamping was necessary, because the subbase had been constructed exactly to grade.

Because of pavement joints, some attention had to be given to the forms. Jointing consisted of a mastic contraction key every 15 feet, and since this was cut transversely in the fresh concrete, no provision had to be made on the forms themselves. The Iongitudinal construction keyway between lanes, however, required a construction keyway one-third the total thickness of the slab, with steel dowel bars $\% \times 32$ inches in size. The keyway was formed by bolting a small steel channel to the sides of the forms. Half the dowel bar, or a piece 16 inches long, was then

installed by screwing it to a nut inside the keyway. When the forms were stripped, this left the nut exposed for the other half of the dowel bar.

One paver was used. It was a Rex dual-drum 34-E machine, equipped with standard boom and bucket. Generally speaking, it traveled along outside the forms on the subbase. Mixing water came from a well close to the

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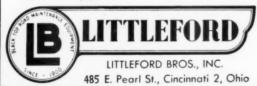


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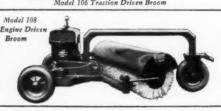
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ncrete Technician Don Frisch ft) discusses the concrete mix w Resident Engineer C. E. Dresser.

job, and was hauled by a 2,000-gallon tank, truck-mounted. The paver was unusually accessible to batch trucks, which simply used the existing highway from the batch plant and cut in to the machine wherever it was working. A flagman was used wherever sight distance was the least bit impaired.

The paving-machine lineup included a Jaeger-Lakewood 12-foot concrete spreader, a Jaeger-Lakewood tamper, and a Madsen-built Johnson float finisher, in that order. Wooden screeds for the Johnson float finisher were selected without knots, to insure a smooth job. The presence of knots in wooden screeds often causes an uneven finish, as softer wood erodes around the harder knot. One set of screeds was sufficient to finish this project.

Vibration was accomplished by mounting a Viber internal-type machine on each corner of the tamping machine to work the form lines. California specifications require surface tamping also, so a reciprocating-type tamping bar was used to knead the bigger rock particles down into the concrete surface. So good a finishing job was done by the machines that only three cement finishers were employed. They dressed the form edges and performed a limited amount of long-handled-float work. The con-crete surface was sprayed with Hunt Process gray-pigmented curing solution. During three different periods (8 days) of cold weather, when tem-peratures dropped close to or below the freezing mark, the surface was protected with an earth blanket.

The installation of transverse traction joints by driving a T-knife into the surface may soon be outmoded in California. Extensive use of concrete saws to cut the joints will probably take over. The contraction joints will not be cut square across, eitherthey will be skewed so both wheels of a vehicle will not be on the joint at the

Forms were pulled by a rented truck crane, usually a Lorain supplied by Pacific Crane & Rigging Co. Insofar as possible, forms poured one day were moved ahead the next. Work by the subcontractor moved ahead at a placing rate of about 300 to 350 cubic yards per

By May 15 a fine new divided highway will be a reality, replacing the in-adequate road which caused many a driver to gamble dangerously. is a wrecking yard at Newhall filled with smashed vehicles, many of which saw their last service up on the Weldon Canyon route, and the ambulance at this point has hauled many an injured person to a hospital. Strangely—or perhaps grimly—official statistics show the Weldon Canyon section to be far safer than the 5-mile grade, farther north, above Castaic.

Personnel

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The California Division of Highways is headed by George T. McCoy, State Highway Engineer, and the project was

under the supervision of District 7, Los Angeles, with P. O. Harding, Assistant State Highway Engineer, in charge. Field operations were supervised by E. Dresser, Resident Engineer.

George Peterson supervised the field operations of Claude Fisher Co. and coordinated the subcontract items.

Material-Handling Data

A 32-page catalog on its complete line of equipment has been issued by American Hoist & Derrick Co., 63 S. Robert St., St. Paul 1, Minn. It covers giant Revolver cranes, locomotive cranes, hoists, material elevators, car

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The catalog includes many on-the-job photos of material-handling installations. It gives brief descriptions and applications, and lists individual catalogs on each item.

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No Quick End in Sight For Engineer Shortage

The current shortage of engineers will be worse before it's better, according to Dr. John T. Rettaliata, President of Illinois Institute of Technology.

Addressing an education conference last March, Dr. Rettaliata spoke on "Education and a World in Conflict". As factors causing the shortage, he cited the low birthrate in depression years; the draft; and an erroneous statement made in 1950 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to the effect that there was an oversupply of engineers. Last year, out of a demand for between 60,000 and 70,000 engineering graduates, only some 38,000 graduated from engineering colleges, and the armed forces absorbed a large percentage these. In September, 1950, only 29,000 freshmen entered engineering institutions. With normal attrition, said Dr. Rettaliata, this will result in about 17,000 graduates in 1954. Taking the Illinois Tech's February engineering graduation class as an example of how great the demand is, Dr. Rettaliata said that each student had four or five offers of jobs to choose from and could have had more. For those with a bachelor's degree, the average salary was \$320 per month.

On the one hand, industry needs increasing numbers of engineers to complete defense orders, while, on the other, large military forces are snapping up engineering graduates for selective service. How to make ends meet? "It must be recognized that we How to make ends

are a nation of limited manpower" said Dr. Rettaliata. "Our advantage lies in our superior technological and scientific development. We must employ the talents of our people in the most efficient manner in the interest of national security. Let us not commit some of the blunders of World War II, where the waste of brain-power in the services, in some instances, was disgraceful."

Philadelphia Builder Gets Georgetown Award

John McShain, Philadelphia builder, recently received a distinguished-service award from the Alumni Association of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Mr. McShain (Georgetown Class of 1922) has many important buildings to his credit, the most recent of which is the remodeled White House. also includes: the Pentagon; the Jefferson Memorial; Bethesda Naval Hosthe General Accounting Office; the Bureau of Engraving; the new State Department building; George-town's new McDonough Memorial town's new McDonough Memorial Gymnasium; the Army Map Center; the National Institutes of Health; and Washington National Airport. Nation's Business wrote in a recent profile of Mr. McShain: "Not since the early 1790's, when George Washington commissioned Pierre Charles L'Enfant, a French engineer, to lay out the city, has any one man left his mark so often and so indelibly on the size and shape of the capital."

Self-Propelled Drop Hammer

A 4-page bulletin describing a selfpropelled drop hammer is issued by Ottawa Steel Products, Inc., Ottawa It illustrates the Hydra-Hammer tamping trenches, breaking concrete slabs, cutting trench lines asphalt, and stabilizing through shoulders.

The unit consists of an adjustable sliding tower mounted on a 4-wheel carriage. The hydraulically controlled hammer falls 30 times per minute and delivers an impact of 4,000 foot-pounds. A 21-hp gasoline engine powers the hammer and propels the machine at 14 mph.

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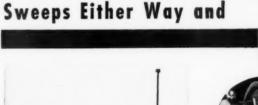
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Your Diesel's Diet: Clean Fuel and Air

A diesel is a modest feeder where fuel is concerned, but a demon for fresh air, which it sucks in like a mile runner on the last lap. There's nothing complicated about a diesel's "food supply"—just clean fuel and clean air, says Fred J. Shreck, Supervisor of Service in the Industrial Power Division of International Harvester Co., Chicago. Til.

Take fuel first. It doesn't make sense. warns Mr. Shreck, to use inferior fuels and thereby lose power. Always use the grade of fuel recommended by the manufacturer. It will produce the amount of horsepower at the drawbar which the manufacturer guarantees, while substitutes that are "just as good" won't. Now you've bought your good fuel, be sure you store it carefully. Either above or below-ground storage is all right, but the latter is best because underground temperatures are more constant and there will be less con-densation in the tank. However, in either case it is a good thing to provide a drain at the base of the tank for periodic removal of the water and sediment that settles there. The pump suction pipe should not reach this part of the tank so there will be no chance of sucking up water when pumping fuel from the tank into tractors or other machinery. Put a screen filter in the filler neck of the storage tank and, of course, keep the filler opening carefully capped. Another tip is to hang the nozzle of the fuel-tank hose in a protected place so that dirt and water cannot enter the supply.

Mr. Shreck warns against emptying

Mr. Shreck warns against emptying fuel from small containers into the storage tank, since these small amounts of fuel often contain some gasoline or kerosene, which, even in very small quantities, can contaminate the entire fuel supply in the storage tank. Much better, use this fuel to wash parts, or else dispose of it. Another thing: watch the glass water trap in your tractor engine. If water is rapidly accumulating in these traps, it's a pretty good sign that contamination is taking place where the fuel is stored.

And last on the fuel checklist are the fuel filters. All the foregoing precautions add to the life and efficiency of these filters, which guard the injection systems of your diesel engines. Fuel filters must be nearly 100 per cent efficient to prevent foreign matter from entering the injection system, where the precision tolerances (finer than the finest watch) cannot accept it and will cease to work if it gets in. There are no rigid rules for changing fuel filters, says Mr. Shreck, but low readings on the fuel-pressure gage indicate a stopped-up fuel filter. If it has to be changed, be careful to replace it with the type approved by the manufacturer, and insure positive sealing so that the filter will work efficiently. Fuel filters, however, are not cheap, and you won't have to change them often if your fuel supply is properly stored and cared for.

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an engine, as is sometimes claimed, says Mr. Shreck. On the contrary, there is a greater column of air in the extended pipe. Under dusty operating conditions, it is important to clean out the air cleaner at frequent intervals. Remove and wash the oil tray and then fill it to the proper level with the manufacturer's recommended weight of oil. But that is not enough. Don't for-

get to remove the screens in the upper portion of the air cleaner and wash them in kerosene before replacing them. Why not use the owner's manual and follow the manufacturer's instructions there?

The air cleaner is not the only danger spot where dirty air can enter. For instance, leaks are likely to develop at the connection between the air cleaner and the intake manifold and between the intake manifold and the cylinder head, which is sealed by gaskets. Check these points at frequent intervals by taking an oil "squirt" can filled with water or kerosene and squirting this fluid around the joints. If any liquid is sucked into the engine, that means there is an air leak at that spot. Immediate repair is called for, to prevent serious engine damage.

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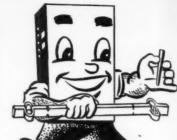
A new technical bulletin titled "Cost Data for Soil Compaction in Restricted Areas" has been prepared for contractors and construction engineers by Barco Mfg. Co., 1801 Winnemac Ave., Chicago 40, Ill. The cost figures are based on a survey of actual jobs and are intended to help contractors in preparing bids and maintaining cost

In addition to covering direct cost items such as depreciation, interest, insurance, taxes, fuel, and repairs, the bulletin discusses overhead charges and possible variations in conditions on various jobs.

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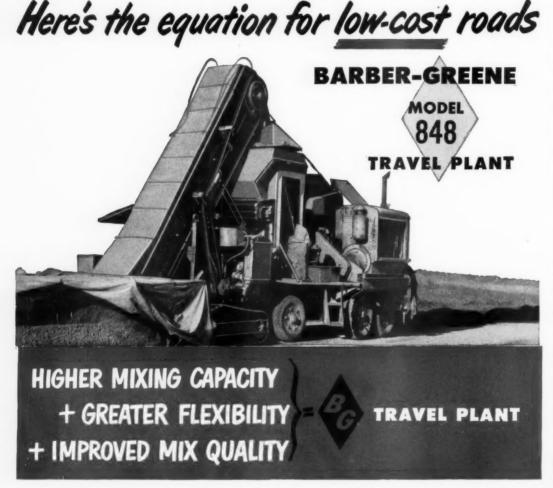
A catalog offering complete data on single and double-well material-handling towers is announced by American-Tubular Elevator Co., 133 North St., Zelienople, Pa. It gives complete specifications and illustrates boom and rigging layouts.

Components required for erecting 3,000 or 5,000-pound-capacity towers are also listed. The towers may be equipped with special concrete-han-dling equipment which is interchange-able with the conventional platform cage. Material-handling booms of 1,000 or 2,000-pound-capacity can be rigged to the towers.

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Hewitt-Robins Reorganizes

Hewitt-Robins, Inc., New York, N. Y. manufacturer of rubber hose, industrial rubber products, and heavy-bulk ma-terials-conveying and handling systems has established new executive offices at Glenbrook, Conn. The move has necessitated a reorganization of personnel: Benjamin T. Moffat, a vice president of the company, is now Executive Vice President, with three divisional general managers responsible to him; Harold Von Thaden continues as a vice president and becomes General Manager of the International Division, in addition to the Robins Engineers Division, which he has headed for several years; and Austin Goodyear, formerly Assistant General Manager of the Hewitt Rubber and Robins Conveyors Divisions, is General Manager of both divisions.



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Corrugations on State Routes Through Louisville, Ky., Are Removed Swiftly in Preparation for Resurfacing

· LAST season the Kentucky Department of Highways resurfaced several of its state routes through the city of Louisville with a wearing course of bi-tuminous concrete. Before the new surface was laid, however, all bumps, irregularities, and corrugations were first removed from the old pavement with a Universal road planer. The big heat-plane machine also scraped off enough old pavement close to the curbing to maintain an effective depth of gutter after the new surface was put

The planing was done quickly and economically for the Highway Department by the Byrnes & Conway Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, at a unit cost of 36 cents per square yard. Covering portions of several streets of varying width, the contract had an estimated total of 64,000 square yards. The resurfacing that followed was done under a separate contract by H. K. Williams Co., Inc., of Louisville. The entire project was completed during the months of August and September.

The major portion of the work was u. S. 31W; Portland Street—U. S. 31W; Portland Street—U. S. 31W; Bardstown Road—U. S. 31E and State Route 150; Grinstead Dave—U. S. 60. Existing pavements were all sheet asphalt that had been down 15 years or longer, and were continually subject to heavy traffic. The washboarding of the surface was particularly noticeable at bus stops where the big vehicles had produced a series of ripples and waves in the bituminous pavement.



In smoothing surfaces the Universal road planer heats the pavement and planes off the high and fatty spots while the asphalt is still hot. This is done in a continuous operation that leaves the surface free of waves and excess bitumen. It produces a mosaic nonskid topping without gouging or tearing the pavement itself. On this job, from two to three passes were made over each part of the street, depending on the condition of the surface. Along the curb line, three passes were usually required to bring the pavement down to the desired grade.

Weighing approximately 14 tons, the heat-planer machine is 35 feet 5 inches long x 8 feet wide over-all, and operates at an average working speed of 16 fpm. It has a rear drive with tandem axles, and oversize tires on the four wheels. At the front is the heating hood -8 feet 4 inches long x 4 feet 2 inches



A Universal road planer smoothed out the bumps on a Kentucky state route by heating the pavement and planing off high and fatty spots. Byrnes & Conway Co. of Cincinnati was the contractor.

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Road Planer Smooths **Bituminous Pavements**

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ting block with three blades on each side. It is supported on the main frame, and is completely adjustable. The block also has key-wedge cutting-blade attachments for putting in a crown or feathering off edges. Behind the Vblock is a consolidating blade that windrows the planed material to the right or left, as desired, and outside the path of the rear traction wheels.

Done Under Traffic

Following closely behind the planer, and straddling the windrow of scrapedup material, came a dump truck. To the rear of the truck was a Case rubbertired tractor on which was mounted a Lull 1/2-yard front-end loader. The loader picked up the heat-softened bitumen that had been planed from the pavement and dumped it into the truck. As soon as one truck was filled another took its place in line. The three machines—planer, truck, and tractor-loader—kept in line one behind the other, with little interruption to traffic.

The State Highway Department had no particular use for the material that was planed off in the smoothing operations, so it was spoiled in dump areas. Later on, when the City did similar work on streets that are not highway routes, the bituminous scrapings were salvaged and spread in alleyways that needed attention.

In the succeeding contract, the streets that were planed off were resurfaced with a single 11/4-inch wearing course of bituminous concrete. The work included raising manholes when necessary to meet the new grade.



A Lull ½-yard front-end loader, mounted on a Case tractor, dumps the planed-off bituminous material to a Ford truck.

The Louisville project was under the general supervision of District 3, State Department of Highways, of which W. H. Burton is District Engineer and W. P. Lane is Assistant District Engineer of Construction. Roy H. Hardy was Resident Engineer and Jack Elder, Inspector. The Department is headed by D. H. Bray, State Highway Engineer, with C. B. Owens, Director of Con-struction, and M. Forrest Johnson, Director of Maintenance.

Data on Steel Scaffolding

A package file of all Waco standard literature, catalog sheets, and test data on steel scaffolding has been anmonthly mailings of Waco literature and other information on scaffold erection, use, safety measures, etc. At least 12 of these mailings will be made to holders of the files during 1952.

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Automatic Dispenser Of Calcium Chloride

A 13-gallon dispenser for calciumchloride solution is manufactured by J-W Materials, Inc., P. O. Box 288, Napoleon, Ohio. It is so arranged that the solution can be pumped from ground level to the supply tank at batching level, and then dispensed into the water or sand by pushing the button on the control timing device.

The equipment consists of a 110-volt 60-cycle pushbutton control timing device, a two-way 110-volt 60-cycle solenoid valve, a welded steel supply tank with float switch and shut-off valves, a line sediment separator, and a close-coupled self-priming motor and pump.

coupled self-priming motor and pump. The pushbutton control is mounted where it will be convenient for the mix man to see and operate. The extension cord for operating can be plugged into any 110-volt outlet; the length of the cord does not affect operation. The toggle switch in the lower left-hand corner is an off-on switch for the circuit, so that the unit may be permanently wired into the 110-volt circuit if convenient. The timer resets immediately when the timing cycle is completed. The resetting must, however, be allowed to become complete before pressing the pushbutton; otherwise, the full time set on the timer will not be obtained.

The dispensing unit discharges the amount required in a few seconds. Refilling time of the automatic supply tank depends on the distance the calcium-chloride solution is to be pumped, but complete recovery is made in a matter of seconds. The company recommends that synthetic-rubber hose be used for the supply line from the mixing chamber to the automatic supply tank.

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Bruning Opens New Plant

Charles Bruning Co., Inc., Teterboro, N. J., manufacturer of technical paper, drafting supplies, and Copyflex white-print machines and paper, recently started operations in a new plant at Teterboro, located on a 12½-acre site at the intersection of Huyler and North Streets. The new building houses the

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national management offices, formerly at 100 Reade St., New York, N. Y., as well as the research laboratories and manufacturing operations formerly located in different sites.

Drives 7,000 Miles To Fetch New Grader

Quezaltenango is in the southwest corner of Guatemala and some 3,500 miles from Springfield, Ill., and Detroit, Mich., via the Pan-American Highway through Mexico from Tapachula to Matamoros. However, Juan Luis Arrivillaga did the trip in 12 days to pick up some new equipment.

Mr. Arrivillaga is a contractor who employs 25 men in his construction crew in Quezaltenango. He had placed an order with the Tractor Division of Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Springfield, Ill., for a Model D motor grader. He and his party, which included his son, drove a truck and a car on this enterprising trip; they picked up a new



Juan Luis Arrivillaga drove some 3,500 miles from Quezaltenango, Guatemala, to Springfield, Ill., to take delivery of this Allis-Chalmers Model D motor grader. and he's just about to set off for home. He looks happy about the whole thing.

truck in Detroit and then went to Springfield to take delivery of the motor grader. This safely loaded, the whole party set off, with justifiable pride, on the journey home, where the grader will be used primarily in road building and maintenance.

Keilhauer Pagram, Allis-Chalmers dealer in Guatemala City, made the sale.

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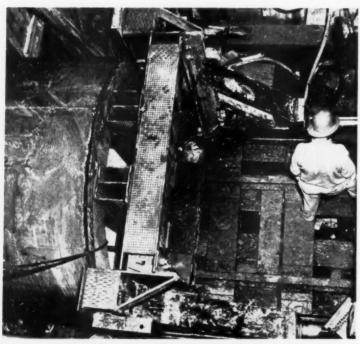
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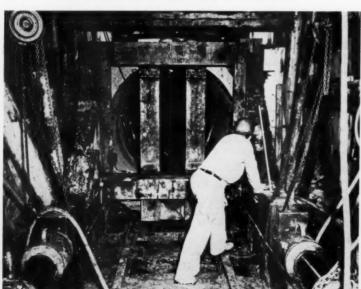
Concrete Sewer Pipe Jacked



 During the early stages of the Hardin sewer-jacking operations in Maywood, Ill., a mucker fills a shop-built car which will be dumped by crane at ground surface.



 Looking down the shaft we see a 5-foot section of precast RC pipe being jacked into place, and the jacking frame made of built-up H-beams.



B. Here's a head-on view of the jacking frame which transfers the ram push to six bearing areas on the steel flange ring of the pipe.

Contractor Puts 3,800 Feet of 78-Inch Pipe Into Place By Jacking
With 400-Ton Hydraulic Rams

By MICHAEL A. SPRONCK, Associate Editor

• A MAN-SIZED job, probably the largest jacking operation of its type in the midwest, is under way in Maywood, a suburb of Chicago. The contract, let to George D. Hardin Construction Co., of Chicago, calls for the placement of 3,861 feet of 78-inch-diameter precast reinforced-concrete sewer pipe. The Hardin outfit elected jacking operations in preference to the alternately acceptable mining and shoring to see just what could be accomplished with this method on a large job.

The finished trunk-line sewer will be part of the storm-water drainage facilities for the new Congress Street Expressway. The limited-access divided expressway, depressed in this area, will carry six 12-foot traffic lanes to and from the Chicago Loop area. At the eastern end it will tie in with Wacker Drive, the Calumet Tri-State Expressway, and the Outer Drive. The western terminus is at the Cook County line at Rosevelt Road (17 miles from downtown Chicago) and leads to U. S. 83 and points west.

The three sewer contracts in this area cover 3 miles of storm sewer between Mannheim Road, in the Village of Belwood, and the outfall at the Des Plaines River. The sewer runs west to east on a 0.1 slope, about 100 feet north of what will be the highway center line. Thirty-inch-diameter laterals feed into the trunk every 600 feet along the line. At each end of the Hardin job the 78-inch cylindrical pipe ties in through transition sections to 6-foot 2-inch x 6-foot 10-inch semi-elliptical sconcrete pipe. These semi-elliptical sections are equivalent in flow capacity to the cylindrical pipe.

The contract was let in February of '51 and work started in April. The spex called for completion in 130 calendar days, but bad soils in some sections made it necessary to extend the time. Though the job is being financed by various road agencies, the work is under the direct supervision of the Cook County Highway Department. Cooperation between the County and the contractor is excellent, since both are interested in learning what advantages and limitations jacking operations have on work of this size.

Excavating

The first shaft was excavated at the east end of the contract to the low invert point of the sewer line, 39 feet below the surface. As the job progressed, other shafts were opened up along the line—the last, 34 feet below ground surface. An Owen 1-yard clam on a Link-Belt crane dug the holes, dumping the material into waiting trucks or casting it alongside the shaft. The material was rehandled by various front-end loaders mounted on Caterpillar tractors. The contractor is fortunate in that his yard is only a short distance from the job and he can pull equipment in or out as the work requires.

The shafts are 24×14 feet, with the longer dimension along the axis of the tunnel. Their earth walls are braced with 2×10 sheeting and 12×12 timbers. A 12×12 cross brace divides the shaft into two sections, each approximately 12×12 feet. The rear section contains the jacking equipment and the forward section is used for pulling up the mucking boxes and lowering the pipe sections

When the first shaft was taken down 40 feet 6 inches, 18 inches below the invert line at this point, the jacking equipment was installed and preliminary mining started. The soil in this area is a firm hardpan with some rock near the invert. The material was cut down with two Chicago Pneumatic clay spades, passed to the muckers, and loaded into shop-built cars: $3 \times 6 \times 2$ -foot boxes mounted on 24-gage track wheels. The cars were pushed back to the shaft when full, lifted and dumped by the Link-Belt crane at the surface, and returned to the hole.

The mucking crews worked only 10 feet ahead of the pipe at first. Later this was increased to 15 and 20 feet when it was found that the ground held well. The hole was opened to a diameter just about one inch larger than the outside diameter of the pipe, except at the bottom where the skids were placed.

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Jacking Operations

After the hole was opened up a sufficient distance ahead of the previously placed pipe, 2×12 timber cross ties were laid down every 5 feet. Two

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4 x 6-inch timber rails were then placed along the length of the opened section. These were wedged against the cross ties to tilt at an angle conforming to the curvature of the pipe. The rails were coated with Bentonite to reduce friction during the jacking.

Jacking equipment consisted of two Rodgers 400-ton hydraulic rams and a Rodgers hydraulic pump powered by a 25-hp Wisconsin air-cooled gasoline engine. The main equipment and accessory high-pressure hose, valves, etc., was supplied as a complete unit by Rodgers Hydraulic, Inc., of Minneapolis. The rams were set at the rear section of each shaft and braced against the back wall. The integral pump and engine was up at ground surface. All controls for the jacking operations were easily handled by the one man at the pump. The rams have a 4-foot travel and are reversible so that the jacking frame was easily withdrawn to prepare for the next push.

The contractor had a little trouble at

first with the backstop for the rams. The back wall of the shaft was braced with 8 x 8 oak timbers bolted together for load distribution against the soil. A 4 x 4-foot braced steel box section was placed behind each of the rams. The box was made up of 1-inch plate steel and four 12-inch H-beams with the flanges welded to the front and back plates. This showed signs of crushing during the early stages of jacking, so it was further reinforced by welding more H-beam sections in the box. This did the trick.

The force of the hydraulic rams was transferred to the pipe through a spe-cial jacking frame made of built-up H-beams applying a distributed load at six bearing areas on a steel-pipe ring. The ring was set into the bell end of the pipe and distributed the load evenly around the full circumference.

Five-foot sections of pipe were added one at a time. Maximum push on this job was 270 feet, requiring a force of 540 tons. Full capacity of the rams 800 tons, was not used, since above 540 tons the pipe might have crumbled.

The contractor reported some difficulty in maintaining alignment and grade on the long pushes. Variation from a true straight line or the 0.1 per cent grade was corrected by cutting the tunnel sidewalls or adjusting the cross Bringing one wall in closer to the center line forced the pipe to change direction and corrected a previous deviation from proper alignment.

'Ground conditions are the deter-

mining factor in the success of this kind of work", said Dan Callahan, General Superintendent. "In hardpan and firm soil the method works well. In bad ground it is tough going." About midway in the work, the Hardin crews ran into a vein of sand. This section had to be shored with 3x6 logging down to the spring line. At the time of C&EMonthly's visit to the job, they were running into water-bearing sand loam and were not cer-tain how the work would go if pumping didn't pull the water table down.

Personnel and Shop

Work shifts varied on the jacking job; at first there were three, then one, and finally two—an 8 to 4:30 and a 4:30 to 1. There were 10 to 12 men on each shift. Work was directed by Dan Callahan, General Superintendent, and Bill Pavin, Tunnel Superintendent. Shift Foremen were Walter Dishman and Tranquillo Marchioro. Resident Engineers for the Cook County Highway Department were Louis Dinnocenzo and Peter Fischman.

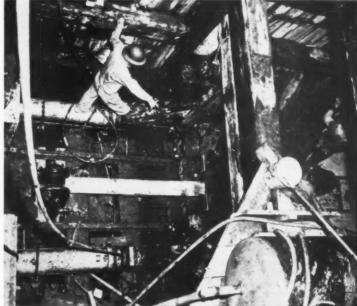
Much of the job efficiency can be credited to the new Hardin shop in Forest Park, Ill. The building covers about 6,700 square feet and was built with spare labor as time allowed. It one, and finally two-an 8 to 4:30 and a

with spare labor as time allowed. contains just about everything a chief mechanic could want.

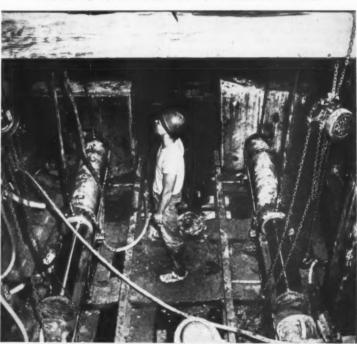
The shop has two 30-foot work-benches with vises, grinders, buffers, etc., set at convenient spots along their length. For tough pulling jobs there is a 100-ton Lempco hydraulic press. Ryerson Ironworker set on one side of the room is a combined shear, punch, and shaper. It can handle $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 4$ angles, punch 3/4 x 3/4-inch steel, or cut a ½-inch sheet steel. An American 24-inch lathe with a 10-foot bed and a Brown & Sharp milling machine enable the Hardin company to make its own parts. Some accessories for the tunnel jacking were made on these units.

Other equipment includes a Sioux other equipment includes a Sioux valve grinder, an Oster threading machine (½ to 2-inch pipe or ½ to 1½-inch bolts), a Wells 8-inch metal bandsaw, and a 20-inch drill press. Two 300-amp Lincoln welders are usually kept around the shop for repair and hard-facing work. A Gardner-Denver vertical air compressor supplies the power for pneumatic hand tools. Small parts are stored in a Rotabin.

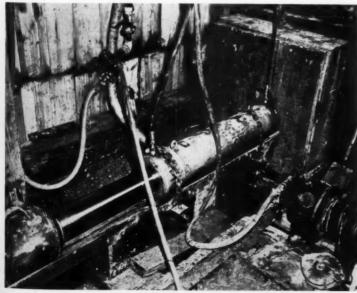
Oscar Bengtson, an old-timer with the Hardin outfit, glowed with pride as he showed off the shop layout, and we don't blame him; it rates A-1.



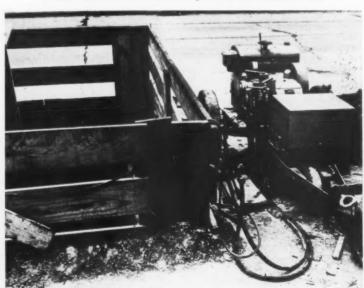
pment—the two rams are Rodgers 400-ton hydraulic was not used on this job; maximum was 540 tons.



Backing for the rams: 4x4-foot x 12-inch-deep braced box sections bearing on a wall
of 8x8 oak timbers. Yale Chain falls positioned the rams and braces.



7. A closeup of one of the rams and its box backing. The box stood loads up tons. The rams, incidentally, have a full 4-foot travel and are reversible. to 270



At the top of the shaft, the other part of the jacking package: a Eodgers hydraulic pump powered by a 25-hp Wisconsin air-cooled gasoline engine.

This Construction Aims at Destruction

Construction men do not generally reckon to put up a street of partly demolished buildings, yet that is just what the Federal Civil Defense Administration Staff College at Olney, Md., has ordered. Nothing less than an entire city street, complete with stores, a theater, two-story dwellings, apartments, and a five-story business structure, is included in the contract, and work is under way at Olney. Joseph B. Bahen Construction Co., Inc., Washington, D. C., is the contractor, and McLeod & Farrara, architectural firm, the designer.

The purpose of the "street of ruins" is to serve as a training ground for an advance rescue-training course organized by the Civil Defense to give realistic first-hand experience in practical wartime rescue operations. In spite of the immense handicap arising from the lack of actual experienced rescue workers under enemy air attack, the Civil Defense is determined to leave as little as possible to chance; with this end in view the designs of the structures were developed from studies made of high-explosive bombings in Great Britain and Germany, as well as the effects of the atomic bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

What will the Olney street look like? It will simulate ruins with store fronts blown out, floors of houses partly in basements, girders and beams twisted and contorted at odd angles, and with piles of rubble, dirt, and broken concrete cluttering up all access to the buildings. Yet the buildings are being constructed according to rigid engineering principles of stress, weight, and the use of tested materials.

Of special interest in this project are the kinds of buildings going up, each one chosen as a type common in the United States. Structures include:

1. Two-story-and-basement woodframe house, one of the commonest types of U. S. dwelling, built chiefly in eastern and midwestern industrial areas between 1900 and 1915. This set will provide instruction in earth and debris tunneling to remove victims without further injury and will have an electric service in the basement to "shock" the mishandler of the equip-

2. Two - story - and - basement row house, generally found in the downtown sections of most older U. S. cities—the two-story apartment or tenement house built in the 1890-1920 period. Many similar houses (though much older) in Britain and Germany disintegrated into small bits, but in the U. S., where brickwork mortar is stronger, experts think these walls would break up into large sections, with the sidewalls "pancaking" into horizontal layers held apart by debris. This set will give opportunity for another type of rescue technique, including dealing with broken water mains, while leaking gas pipes will force the operator to use breathing apparatus.

3. Two-story office, store, and thea-

3. Two-story office, store, and theater building, two stories high in front, with a high-ceilinged garage or workshop in the rear, typical of theaters, movies, meeting halls, and some schools. The big danger here from an atombomb explosion is disintegration or movement of the walls, which would cause a collapse of the roof and floors and trapping of the building's occupants. A typical "back-alley" rescue situation will be added by making a driveway in the rear.

4. Three-story-and-basement office and apartment building, typical of the 1920-30 period, when steel-skeleton construction began to replace wood. Many American urban buildings are of this type, as they are in Britain, Germany, and Japan. As exterior walls in this kind of structure are light, large quantities of rubble would fill each

level with debris.

5. Five-story reinforced-concrete building, typical of most large business, institutional, and public buildings today, such as offices, banks, hospitals. and schools. Columns, beams, floor slabs, roofs, and sometimes exterior walls are of reinforced concrete. This will give invaluable training in the extrication of trapped casualties when rubble has fallen through many stories and accumulated. It will necessitate special equipment, such as mobile cranes and booms for lowering the injured, and special safeguards will have to be provided for rescue crews working simultaneously at different floor levels. Similar Japanese buildings deto resist earthquakes stood up signed reasonably well to atomic blasts; it is

thought that damage to American buildings from atomic blast would consist mainly of twisted steel columns, dislocation of cross beams, and the falling away of the walls between them. The outside frame would probably remain.

The Olney "rescue street," which is a unique experiment in the United States, is being built along the same lines as one now in use in England. Considerable interest in the training course has already been shown by several large industrial concerns in this country, many of whom are considering sending their men there for training at the company's expense.

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Pay Highway Engineers More

Roy Fruehauf, President of Fruehauf Trailer Co., Detroit, Mich., writing in a March issue of Newsweek magazine, mentioned the case of a state highway commissioner who told him he couldn't obtain a single young engineer because all he could offer was "lollipop money". In proposing an increase in pay for highway engineers, Mr. Fruehauf pointed out that the public is willing to spend billions of dollars for repairing and building highways, yet overlooks an essential ingredient—the men charged with performing the job.

"America is facing a serious shortage of competent road engineers," said Mr. Fruehauf, "because we are paying some of them as little as \$30 a week."



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Mississippi River Parkway Is a Practical Possibility

A 2,000-mile route along the Mississippi River from its source near the Canadian border to the passes more than 100 miles below New Orleans is economically feasible, according to J. Lester White, Director of the Louisiana Department of Public Works.
Mr. White, speaking before the Spring
Convention of the American Society
of Civil Engineers last March, told members about plans envisioned for this "spinal cord" parkway which would run through scenery ranging from the subarctic to the subtropical.

A highway such as this could be prohibitively costly, said Mr. White, but the crux of the whole plan is to

use considerable stretches of existing highway. Initially at least, approxi-mately 60 per cent of the Mississippi River Parkway would consist of existing primary and secondary roads, which would be improved by reasonable application of such parkway fea-

tures as limited access.

Mr. White, reporting on a survey sponsored by Congress in 1949, emphasized that success of the scheme would depend on the ten states affected as well as on the Federal government. He drew attention to the enthusiastic cooperation already received from the Mississippi River Commission, Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, state departments of highways, historical societies, garden clubs, newspapers, chambers of commerce, and many other agencies

The outstanding advantages of such parkway, said Mr. White, would be these: it would have scenic appeal for tourists and would hasten traffic; during an emergency it would serve the military as a high-standard direct road stretching through the industrial heart of the nation; and its cost would be reasonable since it would use existing sections. In the river states' construction, ownership, and operation, only such Federal cooperation and direction would intervene as would be necessary to assure continuity of route and uniformity of design. Financing would be within the structure of the Federal-Aid Highway Act, with additional Federal participation to transform the highway thus built into a parkway.

Convention Calendar

June 5.7—WASHO Convention
Annual Convention, Western Association of
State Highway Officials, Olympic Hotel, Seattle,
Wash. W. C. Pedersen, General Chairman, Department of Highways, Olympia, Wash.

June 11-13—Surveying, Mapping Congress
Twelfth Annual Meeting, American Congress
on Surveying and Mapping, The Shoreham
Hotel, Washington, D. C. Chester E. Kowalczyk, General Chairman, 1504 Noyes Drive,
Silver Springs, Md.

June 15-18—County Officials Meeting Annual Conference, National Association of County Officials, Plaza Hotel, San Antonio. Texas. Keith L. Seegmiller, Secretary-Treasurer, 1616 Eye St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

June 16-20—ASCE Convention
Summer Meeting, American Society of Civil
Engineers, Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver, Colo.
Don P. Reynolds, Assistant to the Secretary,
American Society of Civil Engineers, 33 W. 39th
St., New York 18, N. Y.

June 18-20—Soil-Stabilization Conference
Conference on Soil Stabilization, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge 39,
Mass. Prof. Harl P. Aldrich, Jr., Conference
Secretary, Room 1-336, M.I.T., Cambridge 39,

June 23-27—ASTM Meeting
Annual Meeting, American Society for Testing Materials, Hotels Statler and New Yorker,
New York, N. Y. Executive Secretary, 1916
Race St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

ASTM on Cement Spex

At a recent meeting of Committee C-1 of the American Society for Testing Materials, members gave considerable attention to specifications on portland cement, masonry, and blended cements. In the course of discussion the following points emerged:

Portland cement: The Committee decided to recommend a revision in the Specifications for Portland Cement (C 150) which would give full recognition to the division between normal portland and air-entraining portland cements in the matter of air content. This dividing point is established at 15 per cent by volume.

Masonry mortars: In the matter of setting a strict limit on expansion of masonry mortars, an intensive study has been authorized to determine the effectiveness of an autoclave expansion in masonry-cement spex. Members proposed a revision in this test method (C 151), which would allow the use of shorter specimens with effective gage length of 5 inches, except in case of dispute, when the longer bar shall govern.

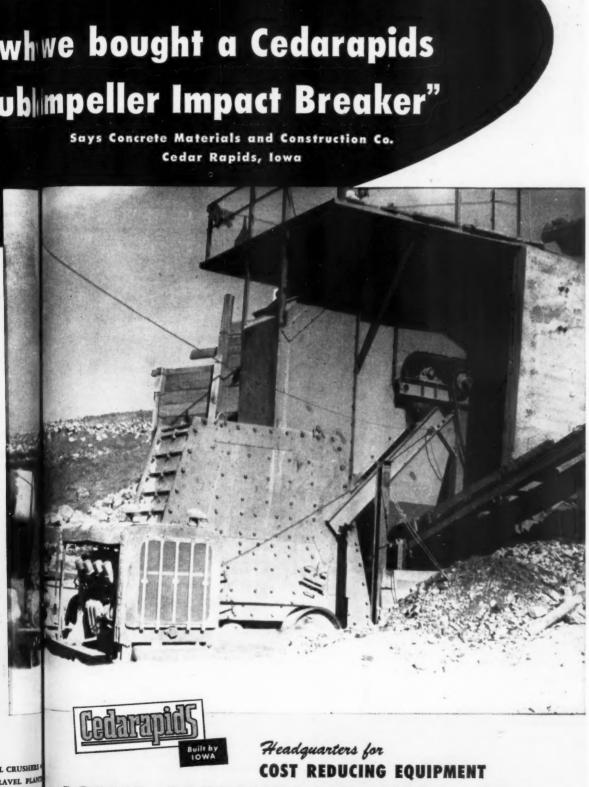
Blended cements: Proposed specifications for fly-ash portland cement and portland pozzolan cement came under

further review.

The Chairman of Committee C-1 is R. R. Litchiser, of the Ohio State Highway Testing and Research Lab-oratory, and the Secretary is W. S. Weaver, Canada Cement Co., Ltd., Montreal. The Committee at its fall meeting will celebrate its 50th anniver-

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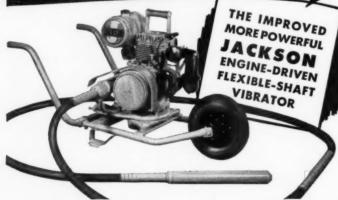
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Material Bond Did Not Cover Equipment Parts

THE PROBLEM: Four 60-foot steel beams formed part of a derrick which a subcontractor used to assemble other beams in the superstructure of a highway bridge. A bond bound the prime contractor to "pay when and as due all lawful claims for labor performed or materials and supplies furnished for use in and about the construction of said highway or highway structures". Did the company which furnished the four beams to the subcontractor have a right to hold the prime contractor and his surety liable for the beams under this bond?

THE ANSWER: No. (Kline v. Mc-Meekin Construction Co., 67 S. E. 2d 304, decided by the South Carolina Supreme Court.)

The four beams were used as outriggers for a 100-foot mast and a 90-foot boom. The Supreme Court upheld a lower court's ruling that the beams were part of the subcontractor's permanent equipment usable on other jobs.

Citing several of its previous decisions, the Supreme Court said that as a general rule "such incidentals as coal, gasoline, and current repairs to machinery, etc." should be included within the purview of a bond, since these items are necessary to the prosecution of work. But permanent additions to a contractor's equipment, which by their nature are neither depreciated nor consumed on a contract, are not within the purview of a bond.

The court quoted at length from a decision of the Minnesota Supreme Court in the case of Clifton v. Norden, 226 N. W. 940, 67 A. L. R. 1227. The gist of the opinion in that case, written by an exceptionally able judge, is to this effect: A bond of the kind here under discussion does not include a motor truck, although it be bought for use on a specific job, if in normal course it will serve on other jobs as well. The same is true if an old truck breaks down beyond repair on a job, another necessitating purchase of which can be used on other jobs after completion of the current one. But, as to repair work, the fact that repairs may permit later use of equipment does not necessarily prevent claim against the bond for the cost of the repairs.

Several decisions in this matter rendered by the Federal courts under Government contracts are noteworthy. Under 40 U. S. Code, sec. 270a, a contractor for public work shall give bond to protect "all persons supplying labor and materials in the prosecution of the work". The decisions are generally in line with the conclusions reached by state courts in cases such as we have just summarized. Here is the substance of some of them:

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A bond did not cover lumber used as decking in structural-steel construction where it was hauled away for use on other jobs. Heavy timbers used as a base for a derrick were not covered, for want of proof that they were totally consumed on the particular job. (United States v. James Baird Co., 73 Fed. 2d 652, decided by the United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia.)

A leading decision shows that particular work may be so destructive of equipment as to bring replacement cost within a bond. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, decided that the bond of a contractor on a Government levee job covered replacement of practically all parts of trucks worn out on the bonded job. The surety unsuccessfully argued that whether the parts were repairs, covered by the bond, or replacements, not so covered, was to be determined on a basis of normal use of trucks. The court reasoned: Usually a truck will last for years and the cost of replacing motors, axles, and tires should not be treated as repairs chargeable to the bonded job. Damage done in a collision would probably be so treated. But shovels, drill points, etc., though equipment in a sense, are more like materials consumed but not built into the work — since they wear out quickly (Continued on next page)

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In levee work, equipment that would be permanent in ordinary use is often consumed, or so far worn out or broken as to make it more economical to replace an entire motor or other assembly than to attempt repairs. The surety is presumed to know this, and the expenses operate to its benefit indirectly by saving time and expense in the general performance of the job. So, in such cases, the bond should be deemed 'to cover replacement costs. The court noted that on completion of this particular job, the contractor had "no more trucks and they were in worse shape when the work stopped than when it started". Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Co. v. United States, 88 Fed. 2d 388.)

Where truck tires and tubes were practically worn out on a Government dam project, a Federal judge held that a bond covered their cost, likening them to the reshoeing of mules and horses used on construction jobs. But the judge recognized that a bond would not cover tires and tubes remaining practically new on completion of the job. The date of purchase and first use on the job, the character of terrain and roads on which they were used, loads carried, etc., are proper factors, he said, in determining whether the rubber was exhausted on the job. (United States v. Ambursen Dam Co., 3 Fed. Supp. 548, decided by United States District Court, Northern District of California.)

Additional cases in point will be found in the opinion of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, in an Oklahoma case (Continental Casualty Co. v. Clarence L. Boyd Co., 140 Fed. 2d 115). In that case, involving airport construction, the court disallowed the cost of a pipe wrench and of replacing a blade, disks, and grader belt on dirt-moving equipment because they were not worn out and were usable on other jobs.

Rights of Bank Under Job-Funds Assignment

THE PROBLEMS: A subcontractor assigned to a bank the amount that was to become due him from the prime contractor, subject to changes in the subcontract. Later, to secure completion of the job, the prime contractor had to advance money to the sub. The advances exceeded the balance due the sub.

(1) Was the prime contractor there-

fore liable to the bank?

The bank lent the sub money to perform job No. 1, but he used part of it on job No. 2. Both jobs were under subcontracts with the same prime contractor. Had the money not been so used, the prime contractor would have had to pay the sub's labor and material bills and retain from him progress payments made by the owner. (2) Was the prime contractor liable to the bank on the theory that he was unjustly enriched at the expense of the bank through the sub's misuse of the loan funds? (3) If the prime contractor paid more money to the bank than was due the sub, the overpayment being made without checking the sub's accounts, was he entitled to compel the bank to refund the excess?

THE ANSWERS: No. (St. Mary's Bank v. Cianchette, 99 Fed. Supp. 994, decided by the United States District Court, District of Maine.)

On the third point, the court recognized that under ordinary circumstanc-

es money paid by mistake is recoverable, but here an exception to the rule applied. Because the sub was financially irresponsible, loss must fall upon either the bank or the prime contractor. It should fall upon the latter because he could have avoided it had he checked accounts before making the excessive payment.

Eight-Hour Law Covered Employee on Foreign Job

THE PROBLEM: A contractor constructed a defense base for the Government in British Guiana, on land leased from Great Britain. An employee was engaged as timekeeper and labor foreman on the job. Was he entitled to overtime pay under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act or the Federal Eight-Hour Law?

THE ANSWER: Yes—under the latter but not under the former. (Finnan v. Elmhurst Contracting Co., 107 N. Y. Supp. 2d 497, decided by the New York Supreme Court, New York County, Part X.)

The court said that the fact that some of the materials used on the job were secured outside of British Guiana did not peg the employee as being "engaged in commerce" within the meaning of the Fair Labor Standards (Concluded on next page)

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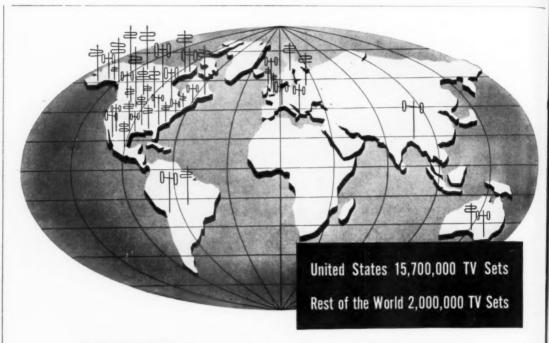
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Act. But the Eight-Hour Law applied because, under it, existence of commerce was unnecessary.

Application of the law was not defeated by a War Department ruling that the law did not apply to such contracts as this one. In short, the employee had rights under the statute that could not be taken away by departmental rulings.

Engineer Cannot Claim Pay When He Underestimates Cost

THE PROBLEMS: Plaintiff was employed by defendant town to engineer and supervise water-works improvements, contingent upon his completing plans and specifications that would enable the town to construct a satisfactory system within the funds available. Plaintiff estimated that the total cost would be \$300,000 under his plans and specifications. Funds available totaled \$150,000, and \$175,000 worth of bonds was voted with a view to selling them below par.

However, the lowest bids received indicated a construction cost of \$424,-095.69, with additional costs, including engineering fees, that would bring the grand total to about \$500,000. Despite negotiations with bidders, it was impossible so to revise the plans and specifications as to bring the project within the estimated cost. The contract with plaintiff was canceled and he sued for danages. (1) Was the town liable on a theory that it was obligated to raise more funds than had been contemplated? (2) If the contract was rightfully canceled, was the town liable for the reasonable value of benefits derived from plaintiff's services?

The Answers: (1) No. (2) Yes. (Batcheller v. Town of Westport, 235 Pac. 2d 471, decided by the Washington Supreme Court.)

1. The court said that since plaintiff's estimate indicated that a \$175,000 bond issue would suffice, and the town, including its voters, approved it on that theory, plaintiff was precluded from asserting that the town was bound to

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The decision rests on the ground that Washington statutes require a municipal contract to be based on an ordinance showing a plan, an estimate of cost, and method of payment. "When that ordinance is passed on the advice of the architect or engineer, specifying the amount of funds to be made available for payment of the project, it becomes part of the contract of employment and fixes the limits within which the architect or engineer must perform. No obligation rests on the municipal corporation to change the plan or system ordinance to comply with shortcomings in his performance."

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2. The town, having built a water system under another engineer's plans, was declared by the court to be liable to plaintiff for benefits derived through his services, which included the obtaining of a favorable contract for the purchase of pipe, and aid in securing state funds for the project. The sum of \$12,750 was declared to be the reasonable value of those services.

Ample Warning to Motorists

THE PROBLEM: Defendant contractor was excavating a ditch along one side of a town street where telephone cables were to be laid. There were sawhorse barriers, bearing the sign "Men Working", at and near each end of the ditch. The other side of the street was open to traffic, and plaintiff, while driving a truck in daylight, attempted to pass between a parked vehicle and an open section of the ditch. The truck wheels skidded on wet clay along the edge of the ditch and into it. Was the contractor liable for plaintiff's injuries?

THE ANSWER: No. (Presley v. C. M. Allen & Co., 66 S. E. 2d 789, decided by the North Carolina Supreme Court.)

The court said that the contractor had fully discharged his duty to warn travelers against the open ditch. It was not necessary to erect barriers that would actually prevent vehicles from being driven into the ditch. The suit was dismissed, but mainly on the ground that plaintiff was fully aware of the danger presented, and that the accident was directly caused by his own negligence in trying to drive through a teo narrow space between the ditch

and the parked vehicle.

The court found it unnecessary to decide whether the contractor was negligent in permitting wet clay to be scattered upon the traveled part of the paved street. It held that his negligence, if any, could not have been the direct cause of the accident, since plaintiff was fully aware of the presence of the clay and any danger caused by it.

Power to Build Bridge Includes Approaches Too

THE PROBLEM: A city had statutory power to build a toll bridge. Did this include power to provide reasonably necessary accessways such as viaducts, traffic arteries etc.?

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The Answer: Yes. (State v. Hanway, 67 S. E. 2d 1, decided by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.)

The court said the fact that some of the structures were about ½ mile from the bridge proper did not make them any less part of the "approaches".

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Hydro Power Plant Built on Silty Clay

There is no underlying rock formation at the site of the C. J. Strike hydroelectric project, located on Snake River near Mountain Home, Idaho, where the Idaho Power Co. plans to complete the biggest kilowatt producer in its system by the middle of this year. The structures are built on a silty clay formation several hundred feet thick and highly impermeable. Morrison-Knudsen Co., Boise, Idaho, got under way on the project in December, 1950. plant will cost an estimated \$19,-400,000 and related transmission facilities will run around \$2,200,000.

In the north abutment, where 27 feet of stratified permeable silt, sand, gravel, cobbles, and boulders overlies the silty clay, the engineers came up against the problem of seepage. Their solution was a clay cutoff wall 10 feet thick x 1,400 feet long, extending from the spillway upstream. They then built a 5-footthick compacted-clay blanket to seal



oc crane powered by a Caterpillar diesel D397 engine works on the C. J. Strike hydroelectric project on Snake Biver, near Mountain Home. Idaho

off the "bottom gravel" stratum between the cutoff wall and the current river level.

The earth-fill dam is 3,220 feet long x 115 feet high, measured from the foundation at its lowest point; it is 675 feet wide at the base and 30 feet at the top. It contains nearly 2,000,000 cubic yards of material and the lake created will flood about 7,500 acres. The backwater will extend about 32 miles up the Snake and 12 miles up the Bruneau.

At the north end of the dam is a concrete spillway containing 230,000 cubic yards of concrete and topped with eight radial gates 34 feet long x 22 feet high. This spillway will discharge a flood of 100,000 cubic feet per second at normal pond elevation and under emergency conditions will handle 140,000 cubic feet per second by in-creasing the pond level 5 feet. The stilling basin at the toe of the spillway will prevent erosion of the riprap placed over the clay riverbed. The spillway and stilling basin together The cover nearly 4½ acres. The whole design was model-tested at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Prior to any river diversion, the spillway was built to an elevation higher than flood level with ten 10 x 15foot diversion tunnels through the base Then the river was diverted through the tunnels and work on the earth-fill dam began. When the time comes to the pond, the tunnels will be blocked off and filled with concrete.

The impervious core in the dam was compacted in 6 to 9-inch layers, and the material used was frequently sampled and analyzed by an inde-pendent soil expert who maintained a complete soil laboratory at the site. The core is about 80 feet thick at the base and 20 feet thick at the top, and contains about 800,000 cubic yards of material. The shell material (1,200,000 cubic yards) was placed concurrently with the core and was compacted in 12 to 16-inch layers with stone size limited to 8 inches. Sheepsfoot rollers compacted the core and large Caterpillar track-type tractors compacted the shell.

Chemical-Resistant Mortars

The need for chemical-resistant cementing and sealing material for joints in masonry and pipe has led to the use of sulfur for many years. At its March meeting Committee C-3 of the American Society for Testing Materials proposed a specification to cover sulfur mortars to be used in chemical-resistant construction and particularly for joining chemical-resistant masonry.

A test method to augment the Tentative Method of Test for Chemical Resistance of Hydraulic-Cement Mortars (C 267) was circulated to members; these two methods together now cover the entire field of chemical-resistant Under consideration were mortars. tests for determining the properties of

silicate mortars of the air-drying type,

and for determining bond strength of

chemical-resistant mortars; also, way to measure working and setting time Chairman of Committee C-3 is F. 0.

Anderegg, Consulting Engineer, Somerville, N. J.; and the Secretary in Beaumont Thomas, Stebbins Engineering & Mig. Co., Watertown, N. Y. The Committee will hold its next meeting during the 50th Anniversary Meet. ing of the Society in New York City. June 23-27.

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